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Her concerns 'are humanitarian'

# Princess tries to calm anger of the Tories

DIANA Princess of Wales, sought to extricate herself from a deepening political row yesterday over her alleged criticism of the former Conservative Government's policy on

The Princess denied that she had described Tory policy as "hopeless" to a French news-paper but Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, intervened to exploit her remarks for the maximum political capital. Constitutionalists and Tory MPs reacted with outrage over the Princess's alleged comments as Le Monde said it

stood by its story. In an interview with Annick Cojean the Princess is quoted as saying: The Labour Government's position has always been clear. It's going to do terrific work. Its predecessor

was really hopeless." The Princess, who is in contact with her office by mobile phone from her Mediterranean cruise with Dodi Fayed, is said to be extremely annoyed and feels very let

Her office said: "The attention of Diana. Princess of Wales, has been drawn to article published by Le Monde she was quoted as being critical of the previous Government's policy towards the banning of anti-personnel

The Princess made no such criticism. Her stance on the question of landmines has peen apolitical throughout. Her concerns are exclusively

Mme Cojean, who speaks



Annick Cojean: "I wrote exactly what she said"

finent English and has worked for Le Monde for 15 years, denied that she had the Princess. "I misquoted the Princess. wrote exactly what she said, that's it. I wrote everything she said and only what she said." Mme Cojean, who has kept

her notes, said that she had sent some supplementary questions to the Princess. "I didn't know it was so impor-tant. Everybody knows the Conservatives were not ready to move on banning landmines. The Princess was great I really believe in her sincerity."

Mr Cook, who is in Kuala Lumpur, expressed his "immense admiration" for the Princess: When asked whether such a political intervention was wise he said: "I have never criticised anyone for being frank about the previous Government."

Mr Cook, who saw the Princess before her recent trip to meet landmine victims in Bosnia, welcomed her cam-

have gained five points. This compares with a 44 to 31 per

cent gap on election day. The

Liberal Democrats are un-

These changes are not sur-

prising following recent

unfavourable stories, includ-

ing the Millennium Dome

and Moniservat.
But there is still little to

worry Labour. Its poll lead is

higher than it was before the

election and is higher than the

Tories ever had during their 18

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across Britain on a face-to-face basis on August 21 to 25.

Data were weighted to match the profile of the population and voting intention figures

exalues those who say they

would not vote (7 per cent), are

undecided (4 per cent) or who

Back to earth, page 16

How would you vote

How would you vote if there were a general

refused to say (I per cent).

election tomorrow?

years in office.

MORL interviewed a represen

changed on 15 per cent.

paign for a worldwide ban. "I am very pleased she recog-nises the Labour Government shares her concern and has already made very substantial progress towards signalling Britain's complete withdrawal from the production and trade in landmines. What motivates her is the damage that has

been done to so many innocent

people, particularly children."
The Tory Party leadership, which was irritated by the intervention of the Foreign Secretary, refused to be drawn. But Sir Parrick Cormack, shadow deputy Leader of the Commons, described the Princess as "unwise, inexperienced," and

damaging her own cause".

Lord Blake, the historian and constitutionalist said: "It is quite the most extraordinary thing I have heard from a member of the Royal Family. Party politics has always been taboo. Members of the Royal Family until now have stayed aloof from the divisions of party politics and never breached the convention."

A friend of the Princess spoke of her frustration and annoyance at being dragged into a political row. "She has political. Its true that she was delighted by the stance of the new Government but there is no way she would criticise its predecessor. It beggars belief that she would make a comment like that."

It is understood that a draft Continued on page 2, col 2

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# Round-world yacht family saved by Navy

By STEPHEN FARRELL arily difficult rescue mission I

The first helicopter to reach

the scene made four attempts

to lower Chief Petty Officer

Bob Saunders to the yacht,

which had lost its mast, before

succeeding. He attached a cable to Mrs Newman, who

was winched off before the

helicopter was forced by a lack

of fuel to return to Illustrious.

complete nightmare," he said.

I lost count of the number of

times I went into the sea. It

was one of the most difficult

rescues I have ever had to

P&O container ship came

He said the attempt was

have ever seen.

lifted to safety.

A COUPLE and their six-yearold son needed to be rescued by the crew of HMS Illustrious after their yacht was battered by 30ft waves for three days in the Bay of Biscay.

Don and Yvonne Newman. who sold everything so that they could sail around the world with their son Daniel, were 200 miles from land and close to exhaustion on Touchdown, their 36ft yacht, when they sent out a distress call. The message was relayed by a merchant vessel to Illustrious. which was 60 miles away and heading for Portsmouth after a Far Eastern tour.

Last night Les Rant, a professional sailing instructor and former neighbour of the Newman family, said he was surprised when he heard they had decided to sail around the world. "They didn't have very much experience, and I thought they were being a bit ambitious ... But quite often people seem to buy a boat and just sail off," he said, adding:

But it's a solid old boat." As soon as Illustrious received the distress message, it launched four Sea King helicopters in mountainous seas in what Commander Fred Aitken, the ship's spokesman. shelter but was blown into the smaller vessel. "It was like a moving cliff. The yacht slid down the side of the ship and was actually blown under its bow." he said.

We ended up scraping down the side, and we were within inches of jumping for

our lives." He said Mrs Newman was taken off first because she had been desperately seasick for days. By the time the helicopter returned for Daniel, most of the yacht's equipment was broken. "Once the boy was winched into the helicopter he

There was no option but for me and the father to leap into the sea from the badly smashed yacht, as the second Sea King was running out of fuel. Conditions were abysmal, with winds gusting to 50mph. The man had been at the wheel in the centre of a very bad storm for two days

and he was in quite a state." The yacht was abandoned and is thought to have sunk with all the family's possessions. The Newmans began their voyage two months ago after selling their home in Bedford. They sailed from Lowestoft, Suffolk, to Gibraltar, stopping along the way

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT Mr Mandelson's telephone in SCOTLAND Yard's Special the 1970s because they feared Branch has begun a criminal his brief membership of the investigation into a possible Young Communist League breach of the Official Secrets meant he might be a security Act by David Shayler, the threat.

former MI5 officer.
The investigation which threat.

Last night John Wadham, director of Liberty, the civil rights group, said he had contacted Mr Shayler and offered to help him light any prosecution. He said: It seems that the revelations are in was instigated by the police, followed Mr Shayler's claims about past telephone-tapping and bugging operations against individuals, including to us that the revelations are in the public interest and there should be no prosecution."

Peter Mandelson, now the Minister Without Portfolio. Jack Straw, the Home Secre-tary, was also monitored by Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrat member of the par-liamentary Intelligence and Security committee, said M15 MI5 when he was President of the National Union of Students in the 1970s, Mr Shayler appeared to have gathered intelligence too widely and on Yesterday Mr Straw had a individuals who were not apvisit from Stephen Lander, the Director-General of MI5, who propriate targets. However, he said, things presented him with a report on Mr Shayler's allegations.

The meeting was "amicable".

Mr Shayler is currently

thought to be abroad, but

Special Branch expects to interview him at some stage.

Once a police investigation

is complete, the matter will be handed over to the Crown

Prosecution Service. As the

inquiry involves the Official

Secrets Act, John Morris, Al-

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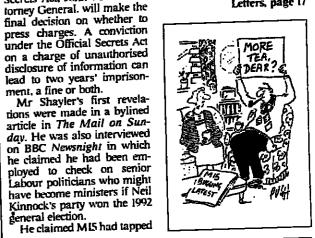
Mr Shayler's first revela-

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general election.

had changed since the 1970s and police forces appreciated MI5's assistance. "The priorities are now quite different fighting terrorism, drugs trafficking and counter-intelli-gence, he said. But he acknowledged, that scrutiny of the Security Service was stil

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# Rows take shine off Labour's poll lead

By PETER RIDDELL while the Tories at 28 per cent

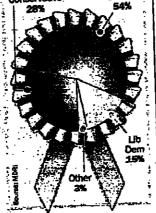
THE Government's recent squalls and squabbles have hit Labour's commanding poll lead. But the latest MORI poll for The Times still gives Tony Blair a far stronger position than any previous new Prime Minister as he returns to 10 Downing Street this morning for the first time in nearly four

The poll, undertaken last weekend puts Labour on 54 per cent, down three points compared with the end of July.

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#### British rail fares dearest in world

A survey shows that Britain's rail travellers pay the highest ticket prices in the world almost three times the international average.

The report, by a City bank, says that there has been a 12 per cent rise since privatisation began. The public funds handed to the privatised rail operators increased by £2bil-lion last year, a third more than was paid to BR in

#### Housing boom in rural areas

The housing boom, which has led to large increases in London, has taken root in rural areas, according to a report released by The Land

Areas such as Hartlepool, Hampshire and Staffordshire have shown higher price increases than in Greater London. Overall, bouse prices have risen by 8.9 per cent in England and Wales in

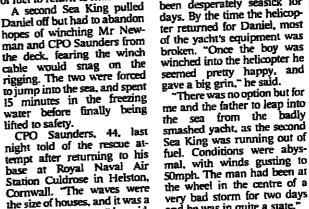
#### Mining unions bury the hatchet

Senior officials of the National Union of Mineworkers and the Union of Democratic Mineworkers have joined for the first time since the split during the 1984-85 miners' strike in an attempt to save Asfordby, the Leicestershire superpit closed last week.

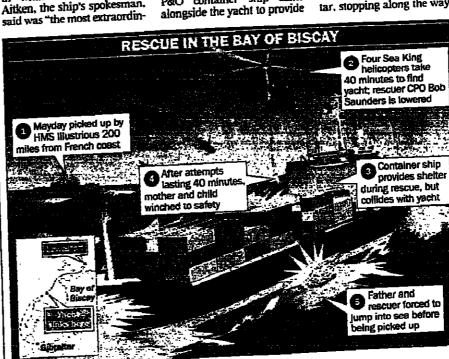
The moves took place in spite of opposition from Arthur Scargill, the NUM Page 23

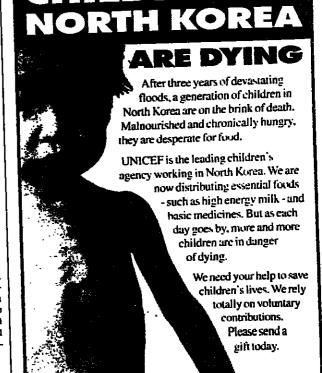
## Sterilisation anger

Austrian politicians say that the country is still forcing mentally handicapped women to be sterilised... Race and rejects, page 16



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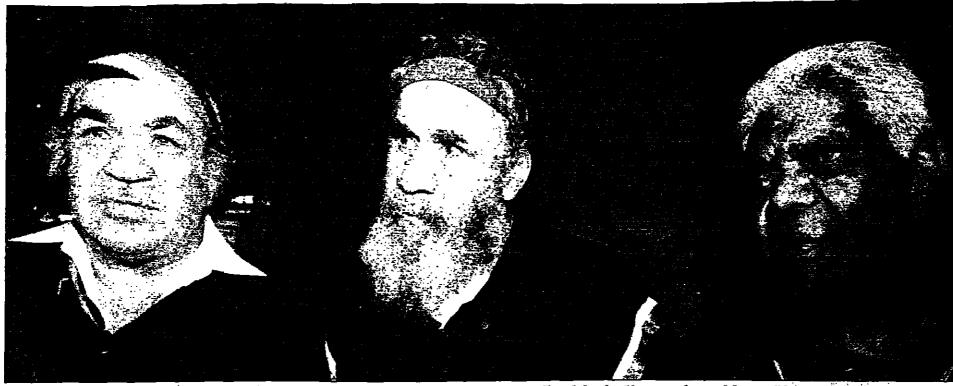
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Three Aboriginal elders arrive at Heathrow to reclaim the skull of the 19th century Ballaruk leader Yagan, exhumed from a Liverpool cemetery. An injunction delaying removal was granted yesterday to Corrie Bodney, from Perth, who says he is Yagan's closest descendant yet was not asked for consent

# **GNVQs** a cause for concern

BY JOHN O'LEARY **EDUCATION EDITOR** 

FEWER than half the pupils hoping to complete the main vocational alternative to A levels this summer finished the course on time, according to a national breakdown of results published today.

Almost 200,000 young people took one of the three levels of General National Vocational Qualification this year, continuing the growth in non-academic study by teenagers. The 90.746 completing a course represented an 11 per cent increase on last year.

More than half of those intending to complete an advanced award, equivalent to two A levels, had failed to do so by July 31. The completion rate for younger pupils taking foundation and intermediate awards was lower still.

Students have five years in which to complete a GNVQ. and last year's completion rate increased by 10 per cent in the 12 months following publication of the equivalent statistics. However, the high drop-out rate from the courses has attracted criticism and is being examined by ministers.

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, has promised to raise the quality of vocational qualifications. There are plans to introduce a compulsory final examination to ensure that assessment is as rigorous as that for academic courses. This year, 94 per cent of Advanced GNVQ candidates applying for higher education places received offers.

Christina Townsend, who chairs the Joint Council of National Vocational Awarding Bodies, said: "This year has seen another excellent set of results from students taking this qualification." She added that GNVOs were now a popular route into employment and increasing numbers were using them as a vehicle into higher education.

#### **A LEVELS**

Some editions of The Times last Saturday did not carry the A-level league table for state and independent schools. For those readers who missed the guide The Times will be publishing it in full again

# Drop-out rate for Rail travel in Britain is most expensive in world

CAPITAL COSTS: FROM BURGERS TO HOTELS

By Fraser Nelson AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

RAIL passengers in Britain are paying the highest ticket prices in the world, according to an international survey by a leading City firm.

The cost of UK train travel is almost three times the world average after an average 12 per cent rise since the privatisation programme began, the survey claims. UBS, the City bank which compiled the report, calculates that the average cost of a standard class 120-mile journey is now E35.30, against £24 in 1994 the last full year before privati-

At that time. Britain's railways ranked alongside those of Switzerland as the most expensive in the world. Now. the cost of making the same 120-mile journey in Britain has risen by 46 per cent while global prices have remained constant. In Switzerland the journey costs £22.98.

The increase in ticket prices comes as the public subsidy to increased to £2 billion last

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All the above costs were orginally stated in US dollars. Converted at \$1.61/£1.

UBS's survey, which is produced every three years, showed that the cost of almost every mode of travelling in Britain was far higher than other European countries, and substantially higher than in

London's bus and Underground system is the fifth most transport would frustrate govexpensive capital transport network in the world, with a six-mile journey costing an the privatised rail operators average £1.22. The same journey in Copenhagen would cost year, a third more than was El.55, 85p in Paris, 66p in franchises were awarded at prevented train companies in- dinner of steak, two side paid to British Rail in 1994. Hong Kong and 19p in the end of 1995 was blamed troducing above inflation fare dishes and dessert.

Prague. The comparison comes as an embarrassment to John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, who last week mounted a campaign to persuade motorists to switch to public transport. Rail campaigners insisted last night that the high cost of public ernment attempts to change attitudes to bus and train A 5 per cent fare rise

announced before the first rail

inflation-busting rises were likely. "The high cost of travel is the price passengers have had to pay for privatisation," Jonathan Bray, of the pressure group Save our Railways, said. The public will find it hard to understand how British railways are more expensive than Switzerland."

last night by railway pressure

groups as the principal reason

for the increase found by the

UBS survey. They said further

Although Tory ministers

increases on commuter routes. opponents of privatisation claim that train operators are free to impose big increases on long-distance and off-peak

journeys. Train operators said last night that increasing competition on railways would hold down, and possibly even reduce prices over the next few years. A spokesman for Opraf, the franchising director's of-fice responsible for fares, said that it was "impossible to make sensible comparisons on the basis of a single journey".

The UBS report also claims that cars are more expensive in the UK than anywhere else outside the Far East. For a medium-sized vehicle, a London family can expect to pay £17,000 against the £10,800 paid by a Paris family

and £9,550 paid in New York. London hotels were also named as the most expensive in the world, charging £253 for one night in a twin first-class hotel room against the world average of £103. The capital's restauarants prove less expensive, charging the global average of £17.30 for a typical

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Unionists deride arms commission

Northern Ireland's Unionist leaders said yesterday that the international commission agreed by the British and Irish governments on Tuesday night had no power to force any paramilitary group to hand over weapons. They said that the two governments had set no timetable for disarmament. and that their failure to set up the commission until the last minute — and to have not yet found suitable people to serve on it — showed that they did not take the decommissioning

issue seriously.

Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, said that no-one could force the paramilitaries to hand over weapons. The commission was a sensible compromise that would facilitate disarmament if that became feasible during the negotiations, she said. Ray Burke, the Irish Foreign Minister, urged Unionists to take a leap of faith. Dr Mowlam is expected to announce this afternoon that she believes the IRA ceasefire, which was declared on July 20, to he "genuine in word and deed" and is therefore inviting Sinn Fein to the negotiations.

#### Violinist death 'suspect'

Detectives are investigating the death of a violinist with the Halle orchestra who was found collapsed with a head injury on the floor of his isolated mill cottage near Stockport Jim Cropper, 55, was the longest-serving musician in the Manchester based orchestra. He was taken to hospital by a paramedic crew from his home in Mill Brow, Marple Bridge. Greater Manchester Police later said that they were treating his death as suspicious. His sudden death follows a dispute between the dead man's wife Gina, a music teacher

#### Fire death was arson

Detectives investigating the death in a fire of a nine-year-old girl fear she may have been the victim of a racist attack. Forty five police officers are working around the clock to find witnesses to the arson which left Anum Khan dead and her teenage brother Majid in a critical condition in hospital. The murder inquiry was launched yesterday after forensic experts discovered petrol had been poured through the letter box of the house in Cowley, Oxford, at 3am on Tuesday.

The fire happenbed a week after two other arson attacks on houses in the area. Police are not linking the fires.

#### Royals block plans

Plans to build an outdoor activity centre on the doorstep of the Queen's Highland estate at Balmoral have been blocked following objections from the Royal family. The proposals would have seen a massive outdoor pursuits centre being developed beside the picturesque town of Ballater on Royal Deside. Developers hoped to provide public access to quad biking, archery and laser clay pigeon shooting on a popular site at the Bridge of Gairn. But the Royal Family, who spend much of their summer vacation on the estate, objected to the

#### Cricketer 'died of fright'

A schoolboy cricketer may have died of fright during a school match after being hit by a ball which bounced off the artificial pitch, an inquest was told. Yasin Ghodiwala, 12, was playing the last ball of a tied match for the Little liford Comprehensive School team on May 6.

Pathologist Dr Michael Heath said fright may have contributed to the adrenalin rush, along with the excitement of the match at a crucial point in the game. The Walthamstow inquest was adjourned for further tests to be

# calm Tory anger on party shake-up

Continued from page 1 of the article, which was sent to Kensington Palace did not

contain the alleged comments. The Princess, who was di-vorced a year ago today, had agreed to co-operate with Le Monde after Mme Cojean asked her to take part in a series in which famous people talked about their favourite photographs. Mme Cojean flew to London

in early June. During a 30-minute conversation. Mme Cogean made notes in the presence of a member of the Princess's staff. The conversation was not tape-recorded. The Princess eventually settled on a photograph of herself comforting a terminally-ill Pa-

kistani boy at a cancer hospital in Lahore. A few weeks later, the Princess received 40 written questions from Mme Cojean

Edwy Plenel, Le Monde's Managing Editor, said he had complete confidence in Mme Cojean. She speaks fluent English and is a complete professional. She would never have invented that," he said. Yesterday Le Monde des-

cribed the interview as the most substantial since her televised confession to Dimbleby, in which the Princess revealed knowing about her husband's infidelities." It was, of course, the Prince of Wales who told Jonathan Dimbleby of marriage difficulties while the Princess later confessed her own infidelties to Martin Bashir.

Some Tory MPs demanded that the Princess should be reprimanded by Buckingham Palace David Wilshire. MP for Spelthorne said: "I think which she understood were to it's really seriously dangerous form the basis of the interview. to drag the Royal Family into it is understood that the party politics."

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR'S determination to put an end to party squabbles on his return from holiday has been immediately undermined by a strong attack from the Left on his plans to modernise Labour's organisation.

Ken Livingstone, the left-wing MP for Brent East, openly criticises the proposals to change the party conference and the structure of the national executive, claiming that they will suppress debate.

In an article in today's New Statesman Mr Livingstone who is vying with Peter Mandelson for a place on Labour's NEC claims that the Partnership in Power changes are based on the view that differences of opinion "can be avoided by slick PR and the suppression of open debate."

But he warns that attempts to stamp out dissent will backfire. "As John Major

learnt no amount of stagemanagement will succeed in suppressing the differences that will arise if the government's policies fail to meet the electorate's aspirations," says Mr Livingstone. He argues that if debate is no longer allowed at annual conferences it will emerge at fringe meet-ings or briefings by ministers:

Mr Livingstone claims that Mr Blair's plans to reduce the policy making influence of the annual conference represents the biggest change to the party's constitution since 1918. He argues that in future policy making will be in the hands of the Joint Policy Committee which is chaired by the prime minister and will include equal numbers of ministers, whom he appoints, and NEC members. It will make far harder for left-wingers like Dennis Skinner to get elected, he says.

# Princess tries to | Livingstone attack | Dalyell unrepentant about role in devolution debate

By Nicholas Watt, political correspondent

TAM DALYELL, the veteran abour MP, infuriated party eaders yesterday by announcng that he would oppose the Scottish Secretary in a live television debate about devolution. Donald Dewar will face a

screen challenge from his party colleague, a staunch opponent of devolution, in a Scottish Television debate three days before the referendum on September !!.

Labour sources attempted esterday to play down Mr Dalyell's role in the pro-gramme. But Jim Swan, secretary of Mr Dalyell's constituency association in Linlithgow, said it was "deep-ly hurtful" that the MP should join the opposition camp. In the 90-minute debate Mr

Dalyell will argue in favour of a no vote with Michael Ancram, the Tory spokesman on constitutional affairs. Mr

Dewar will argue for a yes vote with Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish National

carried out.

Mr Dalyell, who did seek approval for his television appearance from the party, said: "I am uninhibited because if Donald is going to appear with Alex Salmond

Dalyell: "uninhibited"

then any moral bounds that restrain me evaporate. I will tell Donald that he is wrong in saying that the parliament Will strengthen the union and that Alex Salmond is right in saying that it will end up as a Scottish state separate from

Opinion polls indicate that Scots will vote overwhelmingly in favour of a parliament in Edinburgh. However, many Labour supporters have said that they will vote no to a second question asking wheth-er the parliament should have tax-varying powers.

The Conservatives will step up their no campaign next week when William Hague, the party leader, visits Scot-land on Monday. Tony Blair will visit at the end of the week. Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, will start a two-day visit to Scotland today.

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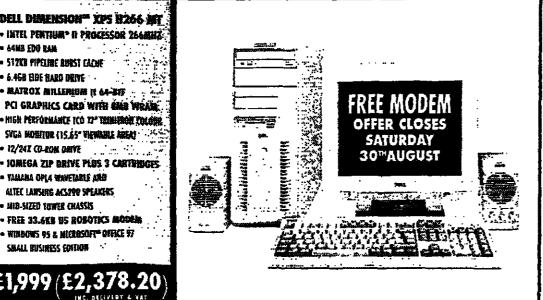
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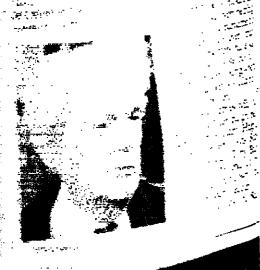
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# Plagiarism claim leaves Celtic poets lost for words

ALLEGATIONS that an award-winning Scottish writ-er had been blatantly plagiarised by a Cornish poet yesterday provoked a literary clash that stretched the length

of the country.

Derick Thomson, Emeritus Professor of Celtic at Glasgow University, is considering legal action over the "remarkable similarities" between his work and that of Alan Kent in an anthology titled Modern Cornish Poets.

The similarities were drawn to Mr Thomson's attention after one of Mr Kent's poems was published in a national newspaper. Apart from minor

A poem, also can Mr Kent's changes to relocate the poems

y, published under Mr Kent's name in Modern Cornish

Corrowall the work was to Cornwall the work was virtually identical to one in his bilingual collection, Bramble of Hope, published in 1991. The title was also similar: Boscowen Street instead of On

Glasgow's Streets. On Glasgow's Streets-begins: When I hear/Glasgow waitresses/talking earnestly-Boscowen Street begins: When I hear/seasonal Truro
waitresses/talking earnestly.
Another poem from Bramble
of Hope, called Memory,

amangs a par more:

Jamie Byng, of Mr Thomson's publisher. Canongate
Books, said: The plagiarism
is so amateurish it's almost

Literature lovers

may find that

Cornishman's work is familiar.

reports Simon

de Bruxelles staris. On a good day/you would remember us:/the rab-

bit John brought home that A poem, also called Memo-Poets, begins: On a good daylyou would remember us/the mackerel Sean brought

home that year. Mr Thomson, 76, said he was surprised by how closely Mr Kent's poems resembled his: "You would expect a plagiarist to play about with things a bit more."

#### ALONG THE SAME LINES

On Glasgow Streets by Derick Thomson

When I hear Glasgow waitresses talking carnestly about Perry Como or Starsky and Hutch, or singing a song by John Lennon. that Wallace is out the window, and Alasdair Mace Colla at the mill of Gocam-go

and my country, for lack

Boscowen Street by Alan Kent

seasonal Truro waitresses talking earnestly or Mel Gibson or singing the number onc.

I remember that Flamank is just out of the window, and Joseph is at St Kaverne, yet my country, for lack of blatant, he has just substituted Cornish place names for Scottish ones. There is no question that he has stolen these poems and we are taking legal advice.

"So far we have recognised three poems in Modern Cornish Poets but we are awaiting a copy of book and Mr Kent's other work to establish whether there are more."

Modern Cornish Poets, a collection of the work of Mr Kent, Bert Biscoe and Pol Hodge, was published in 1995, four years after Bramble of

Hope. One Cornish reviewer hailed Mr Kent, 30, a comprehensive school teacher from Truro, for "fresh-minded and glittering quality". He and his two fellow poets, who formed themselves into a movement called Modern Cornish Poets, have given public readings. They reject "cultural imperialism, support Cornish independence and, according to the foreword, reject mainstream English literature.

Mr Biscoe and Mr Hodge said last night that they felt "deeply shocked and be-trayed" by the allegations against their collaborator. In a statement Mr Biscoe said: Plagiarism is completely unacceptable. It brings the integrity of the whole creative

community into disrepute.

In the event that the allegations against Mr Kent are proven, neither of us would wish to be associated with him in future."

South West Arts, which helped to fund the anthology published under Mr Kent's own imprint. Lyonesse Press. said that if the allegations were true all copies would be pulped and any money paid to Mr Kent returned.

Mr Kent was unavailable

# Portrait of the artist as a young monkey

CAPUCHIN monkeys enjoy nothing more than to model lay into shapes and decorate it with paint and leaves, American researchers have

The results are unlikely to win any prizes, although these days you can never tell. It may not be art, but the monkeys evidently know what they like. Ten captive Capuchin monkeys were given the raw materials for self-expression by Gregory Westergard and Stephen Suomi from the US National Institutes of Health Animal Centre in Maryland. They were provided with lumps of day, stones, tempera paint and leaves, while the researchers sat back to

The Capuchins spent up to 30 minutes reshaping the clay made as soon as they have with their hands and decorations and some of the

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Apeing art clever Capuchin monkey

ing it with the paint and the leaves. They take great care." Dr Westergard told New Scientist. They are very focused when they are making them."

The researchers say that on standard educational scales, the Capuchins resemble human children aged about 18 to 24 months. Just like infants, they ahandon what they have

monkeys were keener than

Dr Westergard believes that captivity may have liberated in the monkeys a talent for art. Because they do not have to forage for food and defend themselves against predators they seek out other activities.

'Art doesn't happen unless you are smart," Dr Westergard says. "I think such expressions are the inevitable consequences of an intelligent but restless mind." He suggests that the monkeys' inventive instincts may mirror the way that artistic skills developed in humans.

In human beings, art did not develop until the emergence of Homo sapiens about 40,000 years ago. Neanderthal Man, who had a large brain and was certainly a more capable primate than a Capuchin monkey, never developed art, although he was a

# Husband who snapped told to leave home

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

A DEPUTY headmaster who temporarily lost control and pushed his wife against a door after she confessed to an affair with one of his "best friends" was ordered yesterday to give up his home to her: Despite expressing sympa-

thy for the man's plight, two Court of Appeal judges yesterday refused to overturn an earlier ruling ordering the husband out of the family home, although they said that his estranged wife had "created the situation".

The husband, from the Portsmouth area, had vowed not to harm his wife again and had offered to sleep in a separate room and stay out of the main part of the house.

After dismissing his appeal, Lady Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Phillips gave him until noon on September o to leave so that his wife and their three children, aged nine, seven and five, and who are currently living in a women's

refuge, can move back in. In June this year the wife confessed that she had had a brief affair with a family friend. Her husband later admitted that he had reacted moil leading to the "risk of badly over the following three further violence".

or four days, pushing her against the door once and gripping her wrists hard enough to leave a mark on two other occasions. But he was stunned when

his wife took the children and fled, claiming she was too frightened to return while he was in their home. In July she won a ruling from Portsmouth. County Court that her hushand should leave the house by August 8 despite his promise not to harm her. But the order was stayed when the husband applied for leave to appeal against the decision.

Lady Justice Butler-Sloss

said: "Members of the public might be forgiven for thinking that when a man finds his wife has committed adultery with one of his best friends and she tells it to him his reaction is

likely to be uncontrolled." But to have been violent on three occasions had been "over the top", and although she had "no doubt" that the husband's promise not to harm his wife was genuine, to allow them to live under the same roof would create a situation fraught with emotional tur-

#### £20,000 for mother refused a job-share

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

A WOMAN who was refused a job-share when she returned from maternity leave has been awarded £20,000 for sex discrimination. Janet Schofield, 36, was told that it was not feasible for two people to share a £40,000-a-year post as marketing manager, although many were able to divide jobs at more junior levels. Ms Schofield worked for the

Zurich insurance company at their Portsmouth office. After a claim at an industrial tribunal, she has won an out-ofcourt settlement and Zurich has agreed to review its jobshare policy.

Before returning from maternity leave, she had applied with another manager to jobshare, but was turned down. She wrote to the company saying she felt she had been constructively dismissed. She is now a self-employed marketing consultant.

Yesterday, at her home in Winchester, she said: "I was told that I had to be committed to the company for seven days a week, which

made me angry. "It was a shame because Zurich work very hard on equal opportunities at most



# Downfall of a showcase soldier

IT WAS meant to be a demonstration of the new, kinder Army training methods designed to lure modern teenagers. Then one woman's downfall demonstrated that a soldier's life can still be pretty tough.

Just as Dr John Reid, the Armed Forces Minister, was touring the Training Regiment at Pirbright, Surrey, Leanne Wickham fell heavily while diving head first between tapes onto a mat during an exercise. She hurt her shoulder and cried

reassured by her instructor and stretchered off to hospital. An Army spokesman said: "She is having X-rays but we think it is just a muscle strain."

Dr Reid had been launching the new Army Training and Recruitment Agency, to try to boost falling recruitment by doing away with the traditional "bullying and bawling" approach of sergeant majors. He rejected "ill-informed comment" that the changes were a soft option, although courses had to be longer to

standards. He said: "This approach is all about modernising, not mollycoddling. It is not about turning Sergeant Majors into social workers."

Drill Sergeant Allan Gardner said that the new generation of recruits started at a disadvantage from spending too much time playing computer games and watching television. He added: "Many schools these days do very little sport, so we have to allow for it. The course is longer — but we get the same result in the end."

## **Marines** accused of bullying recruits

AN investigation is underway into allegations of bullying at the Royal Marines commando training base at Lympstone. near Exmouth, Devon.

It follows claims that a corporal kicked recruits during live firing exercises on the range and comes at a time when the Army is ordering a softer, more caring approach to training ending years of squaddie-bashing tradition.

The inquiry, which could result in a court martial, is also investigating claims that recruits were ordered to perform 'pull ups' if they failed to meet the exacting standards demanded by officers. It is believed the four com-

plainants have quit the course. A source at the Royal Marines camp said: Some of these allegations are quite extraordinary because re-cruits being told to do pressups or pull-ups is hardly bullying Perhaps this shows that times are changing and that a more kid gloves attitude is the one to pursue. Recruit-ment is a problem for all the services, and stories of bullying don't help our image.
The commando training

base has been embarrassed by bullying incidents in the past. Two drunken Marines instructors who sexually assaulted a half-naked teenage recruit were each jailed for 18 months. And four Marines who attacked a sleeping comrade were also jailed.

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# Housing boom spreads to rural areas

BY KATHERINE BERGEN

THE housing boom, a phenomenon traditionally led by London, has taken root in rural areas, according to a report released by The Land Registry yesterday.

Areas as diverse as Harrlepool. Hampshire and Staffordshire have shown higher price increases than in Greater London, indicating that the recovery has taken a firm hold in more than just the South East. Overall, house prices have risen by 8.9 per cent in England and Wales in a year.

Figures show that the average price in Greater London was 128 per cent higher in April to June this year than terraced houses, maisonettes

during the same period last vear. But there were larger increases in house prices in a number of other areas, including Staffordshire (18.9 per cent), Hartlepool (17.9 per cent). Conwy. Wales (17 per cent). East Sussex (lo.5 per cent) Dorset (15.6 per cent) and Bedfordshire (16.4 per cent).

The greatest increase has in Buckinghamshire, where prices have risen by 25.3 per cent from £92,726 in April to June 1996 to £116,224 one year later. This is consistent across the entire range of property including detached

# Millennium blights prices in Greenwich

THE prospect of a two-year construction programme while the Millennium dome is built has contributed to fall in average prices for properties in Greenwich in the last year (Katherine Bergen writes). Average prices in the borough fell from £79,718 to £79,329, a drop of 0.5 per cent. Only one other London

and flats. Andrew Rome, an

estate agent with Knight

Frank in Beaconsfield, said

yesterday: "Our own figures

almost exactly tally with this.

We estimated a 24.6 per cent

increase for the same period.

Property in Buckinghamshire

such fun. I could hear them

Helen, said: 'They used to tie

see who could escape the

quickest. They would pretend

they had been kidnapped and

Daniel's 13-year-old sister,

laughing as I walked away."

period. Martin Longhurst, of estate agents Humphrey Skitt & Co., said yesterday that prime areas of Greenwich would not be affected by the building of the dome. "While prices are going up in Greenwich proper, it is a very large borough

borough experienced a fall in the same Thamesmead as well as Woolwich and these less sought after areas affect average prices," he said. He estimated that, although a two-bedroom house bordering Greenwich Park might cost £150,000, a similar property in Charlton - nearer the dome site worth only half as much.

for June this year. The review has certainly been undervalued in the past. However, we recently sold a property for average price for a manor house in the county is The country residential re-£1.25 million, £700,000 for a view recently published by Knight Frank gives a price farmhouse and £280,000 for a cottage. Jeremy Smallman, profile for Buckinghamshire from Strutt & Parker's St

Albans office, agreed that Buckinghamshire sales had been exceptional over the past year. "Sales, especially at the top end of the market, are very often to London commuters.

"Although it is not one of the most fashionable of the Home

Kensington and Chelsea remains by far the most expensive borough. After sales above El million are excluded from the statistics, average prices are £272,000. Westminster is the second most expen-

sive borough, then Camden. Counties, these buyers are finding very little to buy in with the average home there costing £185,000. Richmond is fourth at £168,000. ing into Buckinghamshire,"

Average prices have fallen in only two boroughs. Kings. There were also some ton upon Thames has dropped spectacular price rises in some from £108,747 to £105,601 London boroughs over the (down 2.9 per cent) and Greenperiod, including the City of London from £125,376 to wich has dropped from £79,718 to £79,329 (down 0.5 per cent). Local agents blame the prospect of prolonged disruption while the Millenni-£165,651 (32.1 per cent). Tower Hamlets from £81.725 to E104,842 (28.2 per cent) and Islington from £121,407 to £149,905 (23.4 per cent). um dome is built.

Outside London, of the 78 areas for which comparative figures were available, just seven, including Wrexham, Durham, Bridgend and Mer-thyr Tydfil, suffered falls in property prices.

**Prisoners** 

selling sex

in jail,

inspection

team told

By RICHARD FORD

HOME CORRESPONDENT

PRISONERS in one of the

country's top security jails are involved in male prostitution

with other inmates because they are short of cash, accord-

ing to allegations in an official

The claims are made in a

report by the chief inspector of

prisons on Full Sutton jail

near-York, which can hold up

to 570 inmates. It is one of five

top security jails in Britain

housing the most dangerous

and difficult offenders includ-

ing IRA terrorists, sex offend-

Sir David Ramsbotham, the

Chief Inspector of Prisons.

says in his report that an team

of inspectors visiting the jail

nine months ago spoke to a

group of category A immates. The report says that they told

inspectors: "People were pros-tituting themselves due to lack

of money."
Yesterday Sir David said:

You have to remember that is

what prisoners tell us. If we

find it to be disproved, we say

so but we cannot prove that

prostitution is or is not

Sir David said that his team

of experts, who include former

ernors, psychologists healthcare specialists who

have worked in prison for

some time, had told him the

similar claims had been made on other occasions.

He said he believed prison-

ers were driven to prostitution

because many long term prisoners had no private cash and

unable to work they received only £2.50p a week. "Quite a

lot have been cut off from

families and so, I suppose,

they are doing this because

they need the money for other purposes," Sir David added.

service confirmed that prosti-

tution had been part of prison

life for many years, particularly among long term inmates. Certainly a number of long

term prisoners make a living

by selling sexual services usu-ally in exchange for tobacco or

A spokesman for the Prison

Service said that no com-

plaints about prostitution

among prisoners had been

drugs," the source said.

A source in the prison

ers and kidnappers.

report on the prison.

# Father thought hanged children were joking

BY DANIEL McGRORY

A FATHER whose 13-year-old daughter and her best friend died in an accidental hanging said yesterday that he had thought they were playing a joke on him. Steve Rogers said: I thought they were just playing dead by keeping very still and I startled to tickle

Mr Rogers, 41, was describing the moment he walked into his daughter's bedroom and found her and a ten-yearold neighbour hanging by a scarf threaded through the rail of a bunk bed.

Mr Rogers bit his lip to hold back from weeping as he said that Daniel Gibbs's feet were almost touching the ground and his daughter. Claire, was lying face down on the bottom bunk. A scarf was wound tightly round their necks.

I crept up to Daniel, who is ricklish, but he did not move and then I noticed the scarf. I nicked up Daniel but I could not undo it because of the weight of the two of them."

Mr Rogers, of Croxlev Green, Hertfordshire, shouted for his wife. Mandy. and their eldest daughter, Sarah, 17, to bring a knife so that he could cut the children free. While he tried to resuscitate Daniel, an ambulance controller gave instructions in cardiac massage and mouth to mouth resuscita6 I crept up to Daniel, who is ticklish, but he did not move and then I noticed the scarf ... but I could not undo it 2

tion over the telephone, which were last seen making a camp, using dining room chairs, in Mrs Rogers shouted to her husband. Sarah then took Claire's bedroom, Mrs Rogers said: "The last time I saw them over so that the couple could try to revive both children. they both grinned because Mrs Rogers said tearfully: they knew they were making a mess, but they were having

We tried, we kept trying, but it was too late". The children, described as

being like brother and sister. had spent the day playing cricket. Mr Rogers said: Claire was a tomboy and she loved Arsenal. She was a fanatic about them and her cricket and her rugby." They



Daniel Gibbs and Claire Rogers: "like brother and sister"

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Mr Rogers, a British Telecom engineer, was decorating a downstairs room at the time of the tragedy. He said: "I just don't understand why they didn't cry out. The house was quiet and no one heard a sound."

Daniel's parents, Paul and Deby Gibbs, who live near by, spent the day at the Rogers's semi-detached house. They are devastated like we are." Mr Rogers said. Police were each other's legs all the time to yesterday waiting for postmortem examinations on the children, but Detective Inspector Paul Lazeli stressed that they regarded the deaths as a "tragic accident" and said that the parents had not behaved negligently.
Officers believe the children

strangled themselves after one fell off the bunk bed. The scarf was wound too tightly around their necks to allow them to free themselves.

Detectives thought the children might have copied a hanging scene shown in Robin Hood. Prince of Thieves, which was broadcast on Bank Holiday Monday. Mr Gibbs said: "I can definitely say that had nothing to do with it. They hadn't watched that film. They were just kids larking about."

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Steve Rogers and his daughter. Amy, yesterday. He tried to resuscitate the children

# Princess's dress designer faces failure of business

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

ELIZABETH EMANUEL the designer who made the wedding gown of Diana, Princess of Wales, said yesterday that her business was near collapse after her major backer went into administration with debts of £40 million.

Only a year ago, Ms Eman-uel. 44, opened a showpiece bridal store in the West End. Yesterday she was desperately trying to find a new financial backer to secure the future of her 14 staff.

"I have sunk everything into this company, all my money, my soul, my name, my brand. I really believe in she said. "I cannot believe this is happening. It is devas-

tating."

Ms Emanuel had gone into business with Hamlet, a clothing importer, in April last year when she revealed plans for a new store to show the work from her design studio. The firm took a 48 per cent stake in her business, investing £500,000 with the promise that if it did not want to invest more, it would find a third party prepared to put more

money in, she said. She learnt about Hamler's collapse on her return from America, where she was selling her spring and summer collection, a few days ago. "We had no warning at all it was going to collapse. One moment they were fully supporting, the next they had the administrators in," she said. "We knew there was something wrong when we got back from the States and no

one returned our calls. We literally could not get hold of The problem is that although the company is doing incredibly well, we are still totally dependent on Hamlet

because they've been putting the money in, as the business is only starting out." Ms Emanuel was formerly one half of the most famous

design partnership of the 1980s. She met her former husband, David, in 1975 when they were fashion students

Emanuel: devastated by collapse of major backer

and married him the same

Funding from Ms Emanuel's father meant that the couple could immediately open their own couture shop in Mayfair, but their most famous moment came when Lady Diana Spencer chose them to design her wedding gown in 1981. Business boomed. Then in

1990 they announced they were to separate, with Ms Emanuel continuing to de-sign under the Emanuel label. Last night the future of both the design studio and the shop were in the balance. "I joined up with them because they had a £200 million turnover and were a healthy company." Ms Emanuel said. "I can only hope we can be

saved." Coopers & Lybrand, the accountants, which has been appointed administrator to Hamlet, said share dealings in the east London company, which made an £8 million profit last year, were suspended last week. Chris Hughes, joint administrator, said that Hamler's collapse was due to management problems and the company overstretching itself financially. However, he said there was still hope for Ms Emanuel. .

We are actively completing a review of the businesses which are trading as normal. We have already had several expressions of interest."



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# Class warrior defies the Army

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ARMY chiefs were furious yesterday after an officer suspended for writing an article about class in the service spoke out again when he was ordered not to return to work. Major Eric Joyce, a staff officer in the Adjutant General's Corps, said he was expecting to return to his duties after being suspended for two weeks for writing an article for

the Fabian Society saying that

the Army was divided by a

class system. However, he

stay at home. Major Joyce, based

Upavon, Wiltshire, said: "It's effectively an indefinite suspension and I've not been given any explanation why they've extended it. I'm very disappointed that they think stalling will put the issue out of the public eye. I agreed not to speak out until I went back but they could keep me out forever. I still do not believe I did anything wrong." His new remarks provoked

received a letter informing an angry response from Army chiefs. One source described mained in place and he was to mad". A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said: "His letter said he should not be speaking to the press. Now that he is, it's up to management to decide what to do about that. He probably will be sent for fairly soon.

Army chiefs are taking legal advice on what action to take. The spokesman said: There is no set penalty for writing a book or being rude about the Army. This is a pretty broadshouldered organisation."



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# The Spice Girls: "the advantage with them." George Harrison said, "is that you can watch them with the sound off Beatle scorns 'boring' modern pop groups

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tions and continued to attract

me comfort and proves that the band will last forever," he

said. Will U2 be remembered

in 30 years? And the Spice Girls? I doubt it." he added.

Asked what he would do if he was aged 20 today, Harrison joked. I would certainly

produce the Spice Girls. If I knew at 20 what I know now,

it would be fabulous. I would certainly retire before becom-

ing famous.

The interview suggests that
Harrison's: philosophy, and
perhaps his musical tastes,
have changed little since the

He described his forthcom-

ing album with Ravi Shankar,

the sitar player, as a small

contribution to peace. That is

the subject of this album: love

Harrison said he was still

writing songs and might make a new album in the winter. "I

would really like to record again with the Travelling

Wilburys — alas, without Roy Orbison — but Bob Dylan is ill. I must see him soon."

His recipe for understand-

ing the world, achieving inner

peace and presumably learn-

ing to tolerate the Spice Girls,

and peace."

THE former Beatle George
Harrison has launched a vitriolic attack on modern British pop bands, describing groups such as U2. Texas and Oasis as rubbish and claiming that the best thing about the Spice Girls is that wen can watch Girls is that "you can watch them with the sound turned

In an interview with the French newspaper Le Figuro
published yesterday, Harrison, 54, lambasts the egotism of modern pop stars, the commercialism of the music industry and the power of

The music of Oasis, U2 and Texas is "rubbish" and "not very interesting", he told his interesting interviewer, Jen-Luc Wachthausen. "It's alright if you're 14 years old. I prefer to listen to [Bob] Dylan," he said. One thing irritates me

about current music everything is based on ego. Look at a group like U2-Bono and his band are so egocentric. It's horrible ... the more you shout, the higher you jump, the bigger your hat, the more people listen to your music.

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"It's like that today in the recording industry. Whatever you play the most important thing is to sell and make money. It's got nothing to do

Harrison conceded that the Beatles may have had their fair share of hype but he added: "Everything has got out of proportion today with the power of the record companies, the media, television. radio ... it's staggering."

Harrison's broadside comes

remains unchanged. "My adcriticised Liam Gallagher of the Beatles-inspired Oasis, pointing out that the group would be better off and more vice is to plunge into medita-tion which gives the keys. making God's signs compre-hensible in order to open the door to understanding. To in tune without "the silly one". In contrast to modern Britpass from ignorance to know-ledge, from the darkness into light." ish groups, Harrison main-tained that the Beatles' music appealed to different genera-

new fans "aged 7 to 77".

"Today adolescents and even children still adore Yellow Submarine. That gives Dylan and the Pope, page 15

based on ego. Whatever you play. the most important thing is to sell and make money. It's got nothing to do with talent 9





George Harrison, left, said the music of Oasis, above, and Texas, below, was "rubbish" and that Oasis would be better off without Liam Gallagher





# Father's son: Julian and Cynthia after Lennon's death Lennon's letter of love for son

By JOHN SHAW

Julian are disclosed in a letter written to his wife, Cynthia, in

Lennon, who was shot dead outside his New York flat and everything outside his New York flat and everything "I can't wait to see him, I when Julian was aged 17, admits he was a "thoughtless bastard" who did not pay enough attention to the two year-old boy, and ends: "I feel

The two-page letter helps to explode the view that the singer, divorced by Cynthia in 1968 because of his adultery with Yoko Ono, had less than fatherly instincts for his first

son, born on April 8, 1963. In faded black ink, it is the only remaining portion of a six-page letter but it is still forecast to make up to £17,000 in a Sotheby's rock sale in

London on September 17. It was written when the Beatles were enjoying a break at their hideaway mansion in Benedict Canyon, Holly-wood, during a pressured US

to home and he reflected on

THE guilt and anguish of John Lennon over his separation from his young son being an absent father to Julian, telling his wife. "I really miss him as a person now ... he's not so much 'the baby' or 'my baby' anymore. He's a real living part of me now - you know, he's Julian

> miss him more than I've ever done before - I think it has heen a slow process my feelings like a real father!

'l spend hours in dressing rooms thinking about the times I've wasted not being with him - and playing with him - you know. I keep thinking of those stupid bastard times when I keep reading bloody newspapers whilst he's in the room with me. I've decided it's ALL WRONG!"

He concludes: "i'll go now because I'm bringing myself down thinking what a thoughtless bastard I seem to be...I really feel like crying."
The letter goes under the

hammer with a postcript from Cynthia, who writes: This letter gives a true insight into the way John felt about his Lennon's thoughts turned son ... A perfect example of

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# Police offer escape route to careless drivers

Motorists can opt for a two-day course to improve their skills rather than go to court, writes Frances Gibb

MOTORISTS who face prosecution for driving without due care and attention are being offered the alternative of attending a course to improve their driving skills.

A pilot project is under way in nine police stations in London in which motorists can opt to pay £120 to go on a two-day "driver improvement course" with a driving school and escape court proceedings.

The option is being offered to drivers where police consider there is evidence to justify a prosecution.

runs until the end of March -

lawyers have expressed concern about what they see as motorists being offered a chance to "buy" their way out of prosecution.

A letter sent to one motorist by Belgravia police read: "Full attendance on the course and participation in all its components would remove the need to involve you in court proceedings, but failure fully

could be extended. But some further consideration for pros-

The letter insists that drivers are not under any pressure to go on the course. It continues: "I must point out that this is not an ultimatum and if you feel that you were in no way to blame or at fault, then you should decline this invitation. Your file would then be referred to the

to attend the course may lead to In Belgravia, motorists who opt for the course are asked to pay a £120 fee direct to the British School of Motoring. If they do not reply to the offer within 14 days of receiving the letter, the police assume they do not wish to take the offer up and will consider prosecution. The course covers theory and practical training, given by driving instructors approved by the Department of

Marc Maitland, a barrister whose client was offered the course as an option to prosecution, said he had been surprised and concerned to hear of the scheme. "I find it worrying that someone can be asked to pay a commercial organis-ation, whose relationship with the police is unknown, on the basis of which police make a decision as to whether or not to prosecute." His client refused the offer and denied

after a one-day trial. But when shown the police letter, the manistrates, who had not known of the scheme, imposed a conditional

Driving without due care and attention can carry a fine of up to a maximum £2,500 and between three and nine points on a licence or possible disqualification. Richard Penny, an administra-

tive officer in the traffic section of Belgravia police's criminal justice unit, said that one of the aims of the pilot scheme was to relieve the pressure on the courts.

It was too soon to judge the success of the scheme, he added. although just under half those offered the course at Belgravia had taken up the offer. Some are out off by the £120 cost, and others say they are innocent. If that is the case, they they should decline the offer and go to court to let the magistrates decide."

# Film-makers put artists' colourful lives in the frame

FROM DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT IN VENICE

THE Oscar-winning director Anthony Minghella is to join the gallery of film-makers producing work about great artists. He and his wife are collaborating on a portrait of the 15th-century Florentine artist Fra Filippo Lippi, which will focus on his relationship with a beautiful nun who bore his child.

Rembrandt, Gauguin and Modigliani are among the painters and sculptors whose life and work is being brought to the screen. Film-makers believe that they offer the failsafe ingredients for box-office success: passion, violence and

They hope to create images as unforgettable as Kirk Douglas's portrayal of Van Gogh in 1956. They also share artists' pursuit of perfection. One film source referred to the much-criticised Surviving Picasso. starring Anthony Hopkins: "After Picasso last year, everyone thinks they can

The Lippi film, The Assum-ption of the Virgin, is produced by Carolyn Choa. Mr Minghella, her husband, is executive producer with Mark Shivas. It is being made with the BBC, whose work dominates the Venice Film Festival which opened yesterday.

Ms Choa said that the



Minghella: executive producer of Lippi film

been cast, was based on a fictionalised account by Katie Campbell a novelist. "This is an extraordinary

love story," she added. (c1406-69) painted many of his Madonnas with the face of the nun, called Lucrezia. He was a Carmelite monk when he first saw her. and persuaded the nuns to let her model for him.

Vasari, the 16th-century art historian, said that "by various ways he managed to steal her from the nuns ... this episode disgraced the nuns and the girl's father never smiled again". Their child. Filippino Lippi, was also a

Such was his reputation that Lippi was offered a dispensation from the Pope to marry Lucrezia. But Vasari explains that the offer was

to his desires."

The desires, and tragedies, of Paul Gauguin have been turned into a screenplay by Christopher Hampton, best known for the award-winning Les Liaisons Dangereuses. The screenplay is an adaptation of Somerset Maugham's novel The Moon and Sixpence. Gauguin will be played by Alan Rickman, who was among British stars who flew into Venice yesterday.

Mr Hampton said: "It is easier to write about painters than writers or composers because film is a visually powerful medium. It liberates you from having discussions about the art because you can see what they are doing."

The Austrian actor Klaus Maria Brandauer is to play Rembrandt in a £6 million film made by a French com-pany. Two films about Modigliani are planned; Al Pacino is rumoured to want to make and star in one of them. Modern artists, too, are

attracting film-makers. Shooting began earlier this year on John Maybury's film about Bacon. starring Derek Jacobi. It is co-produced by the BBC and the British Film Institute. Michelle Pfeiffer is tipped to play Georgia O'Keeffe and Keanu Reeves is considering playing Robert Mapplethorpe, the controversial photographer.



# Steer clear of the motorways to avoid traffic jams

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY RANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

MOTORISTS not wishing to get stuck in a traffic jam should avoid travelling from London to Swansea on the M4. They are more likely to be delayed than on any other journey in the country.
Figures released yesterday

show a steady increase in traffic jams during the first half of the year. They also highlight the blackspots and advise on how to avoid them. The comprehensive survey

by the AA of more than 170,000 hold-ups discloses that motorists can increase fourfold the risk of being delayed, depending on the route they choose. Motorway accidents were confirmed to be the biggest cause of traffic delays. The worst incident, follow-

ing an extensive accident that forced the closure of the M42 in Hereford and Worcester in March, caused delays for 28 hours. The average delay caused by the 20 worst traffic hold-ups was more than 65

The survey showed that the number of incidents causing delays rose to a peak of 31,492 in June, compared to 25,000 in February, the best month Heavy rain and storms across much of Britain were blamed for the surge.
The AA's statistical exercise.

designed to highlight problem areas, showed big differences in gridlock rates on routes between the same two points. A family travelling from

screech of tyres and ran out-side, said: "The woman had

been thrown a very long way

and the man was just a short

way behind her. It was imm-

ediately obvious that they

were both in a very bad

Guys from the Territorial Army were trying their best, so I ran back inside and called

Another witness said: "I

thought the Ferrari was being

chased. It was going hell for

leather down the road. I took

my eyes off it for one second and heard an almighty crash.

"I saw the driver and pas-senger from the car. They

were covered in blood."

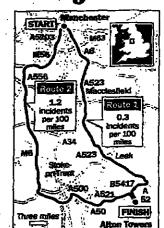
Ms Fletcher said: "It is a

terrible tragedy for a couple to be killed in an accident as

emergency services."

It was terrible.

horrific as this.



fordshire by the M56 and M6 was four times more likely to be involved in hold-ups than going across country on the A6, A523 and A52.

Other significant differ-ences were identified by comparing alternative routes for ten typical business and leisure journeys. For example, motorists travelling from central London to Gatwick airport were nearly three times as likely to be caught in conges tion by using the A23 and M23 than by keeping to A roads.

On the London to Swansea route, the chance of hitting a weekday traffic jam was more than four times greater than on a journey from Birmingham to Newcastle.

Although the AA has car-

ried out similar surveys for internal use, yesterday's figares were the first the motoring organisation has published. They are intended to

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# Couple mown down by out-of-control Ferrari

By Russell Jenkins

A MAN and his girlfriend were killed as they walked hand in hand on the pavement when a Ferrari skidded out of control and smashed into

The brilliant yellow highperformance sports car — an F355 Spider that sells for £103,000 - was overtaking at speed in a suburb of Manchester when it swerved, mounted the pavement and hit

the young couple. Two men were helped out of the burning wreckage of the car on the border of Old Trafford and Whalley Range. One, aged 31, gave himself up at Streeford police station with his solicitor five hours later

Detectives were waiting for his injuries to be treated at Trafford General Hospital before questioning him about the accident. Police are still seek-

and was arrested.

ing the other man. Inspector Alison Fletcher, of the Greater Manchester Police traffic unit, said the car had been leased from Performance Cars of Ware, Hertfordshire. man who signed the lease hire papers last Friday, who is not the man under arrest. The car had not been reported as

People from a nearby Terri-torial Army Centre rushed to give first aid to the injured couple but could do little.

The two victims, who met

while they studied at the University of Manchester, lived together in a flat in Old Trafford. They are Stuart Ward. 28, originally from Wythenshawe, south Man-chester, and Nathalie Monier, 23, from Marseilles.

Greater Manchester Police has contacted the French Embassy to help to get in touch with Mme Monier's family in France. Mme Monier, whose neck was broken in the accident, taught French privately to supplement her income.

The accident happened about 7pm on Tuesday when the street and pavements were busy. Police have said they have already spoken to a number of witnesses. Lee Ali. 30, who was watching tele-

# High-speed risks of renting a fantasy

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

MOTOR executives have issued guidelines on the imporance of judging the reliability or hire cars such as the Ferrari F355, following a spate of

There is a growing business in hiring out models which are beyond most people's means to buy. Hiring is still expensive: Bespoke Classic Cars in Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire, charges £375 a day for a classic Ferrari Dino 246 or 308GTS, and £750 for a weekend.

Hire companies are likely to judge customers on creditworthiness and whether their licence is clean: drink-drivers would most often not be allowed to hire, although drivers with up to nine speeding points would. Most de-

mand a deposit of up to £1.000. Checks can vary. Bespoke accepts only drivers aged 25 to 65, with at least two years' driving experience. It will not accept cash. Jenny "We have to be careful because we are handing over valuable and powerful cars. We insist on showing customers around the car and give. them handwritten details of

how it operates."
Guidelines issued by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders say that dealers should check licences of prospective customers. It also wants extra training for salesmen, which includes grading them into "power ratings" so that they earn the right to demonstrate the high-

#### **Miss Pears** falls victim to fashion BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE girl who emerges victorious from today's competition to be named Miss Pears 1997 will be the last of the line. The makers of the famous

transparent soap have decided to discontinue the infants' beauty contest linked to its name since 1958. The competition gives the soap a more family emphasis than we now want," they say. Pears aspires to sell the soap as a "style

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Previously, the company's greatest marketing coup was the purchase of the portrait by Sir John Millais of his angelic grandson, William James, for 2,000 guineas. Bubbles became one of the most familiar advertising images of all time. Pears is now hoping that its soap will appeal to a wider audience than mothers with angelic children.

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earthquake Central Scotland was shaken by a small earthquake measuring 24 on the Richter scale. Centred near Doune, it prompted hundreds of calls to police but caused no damage. although a bison was born three weeks prematurely at Blairdrummond Safari Park. near Stirling. The tremor on Tuesday evening was Scotland's second in a month. The British Geological Survey said: There are lots of faults through Britain. There is no definite pattern of seismic

Storm kills camel

A camel died at Knowsley Safari Park Merseyside, when it was struck by lightning between its humps. The death of the unnamed sevenyear-old bull was seen by visitors driving by during a

#### Hide warrant

Magistrates in Highgate. North London, issued a warrant for the arrest of the World Boxing Organisation heavyweight champion Herbie Hide after he failed to appear in court on a kerb-crawling charge.

## Arson by fireman

A retained firefighter set a car alight then helped to extinguish it. John David, 28, from New Milton, Hampshire, was ordered to do 200 hours community service and pay £150 compensation for arson by Southampton Crown Court. Winning smile

#### Ken Tarrant, 52, from Mid-

dleton, Manchester, who won £901,000 on the Lottery the day after losing his job as a road worker, said his first priority was a new set of teeth and a holiday with his wife. Chris, 51. Results, page 22

#### Drinking-up time

A former GI has returned to the Bell Hotel in Shepton Mallet. Somerset, for a free pint. Ken Hoover, 74. from Pennsylvania, had left one unfinished 53 years ago when he was ordered back to camp



Happy ending for the Normans: the recreated final panel shows William receiving the surrender of the Saxon nobles, followed by his coronation in December 1066

# Stitches in time complete the Conqueror's big picture

#### BY RUSSELL JENKINS

232ft long and 19 ins wide — THE lost ending to one of was commissioned in England and tells the story of the history's masterpieces has been sewn up at last. A Norman invasion in 1066 in determined embroidery exeight linen panels. The surpert has recreated the final viving part hangs in Bayeux. Normandy, but ends abruptpanel of the Bayenz tapestry. showing William the Conly in a ragged edge with the English flight from the Battle queror being crowned King. Jan Messent, 60, spent 18 of Hastings. Ms Messent's painstaking months re-searching the background and using materials emcreation, which has been valued at £15,000, would fit perfectly on the end. ployed at the time, such as fine lambswool yarn and plant dyes. Yesterday at Thirsk, North Yorkshire, she said: "My ultimate ambition is to see it exhibited alongside

the tapestry in Normandy but the French might not take

kindly to an English woman

The original tapestry

Two pilots

cleared

over girl

in cockpit

By A STAFF REPORTER

TWO British Airways pilots who were suspended after a

five-year-old girl was seen in the cockpit of a London-bound

jet have been cleared of any

wrongdoing, it was an-

nounced yesterday. Captain Phil Higton and his

co-pilot underwent an investi-gation after claims that Emily

from Nice and said the pilots.

both senior and experienced

members of staff, were return-

ing to duty immediately.

BA said Emily's father.

Keith Pickersgill, from Leeds.

had given evidence at the

inquiry. A spokesman said:

The pilots were merely re-

one of our younger travellers

who, given the right condi-

tions, are always welcome on

the flight deck."

ulations." BA said.

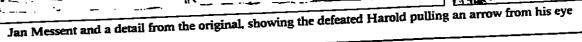
finishing their treasure."

It shows the final surrender of the Saxon nobles at Berkhamstead and the coronation of William. There is also a continuation of the original tapestry's imagery: two dogs fighting over a bone depict the struggle between France and England, and an owl carries off a rabbit to

signify the removal of the dead from battlefield. Ms Messent, a former art teacher, took up embroidery 25 years ago and now writes and lectures on the subject. Her research has led her to reject historian's criticisms of the original work. The mistakes they point out, such as overlaps, are perfectly under-standable to me," she said. The panels are too wide to complete at one sitting, the embroiderer would keep swapping sides to complete the work. Often they would be stitching upside down.

The panel goes on public show for the first time at the Madeira Craft Embroidery and Fashion 97 Show at Harrogate in October.





# BA passenger jets within 400ft of collision over Kent

TWO British Airways jets carrying more than 300 passengers came within 400ft of a mid-air collision over Kent when an air traffic controller told the wrong aircraft to

Only a combination of good visibility and the quick reactions of one of the pilots Pickersgill pushed buttons on the flight deck of a Boeing 757. prevented a catastrophe at well over 200mph. The pilot The two pilots have been cleared of allegations that they told a formal inquiry into the breached company safety regincident that had his Boeing 757 been fitted with an anti-The airline was satisfied collision device, known as that passengers and the air-TCAS, he would not have craft were not in danger at any begun the descent. time on the August 16 flight

that there were so many aircraft "stacking" over Kent that the displays showing which aircraft was which on the controller's radar screen were overlapping. As a result, the Civil Aviation Authority is urgently investigating improvements to the system to sponding to the request from

prevent overlapping.

Many of the aircraft also had similar callsigns; the two involved in the near miss were

land at Heathrow. The Paris Nigel Hawkes reports on a

near miss caused

by a controller telling the wrong

plane to descend

of the same type, were operated by the same company and therefore had the same prefix. and one of the last three numbers was the same.

The report by the CAA's Joint Airprox Working Group said: "With the potential problems of callsign confusion probably uppermost in the controller's mind, members wondered whether these similarities might have perversely triggered the controller into giving the erroneous in-

The incident happened over Biggin Hill during the morning "rush" on November 22 last year. The two Boeing 757s - one from Paris Orly with 165 passengers and seven crew on board, the other from Geneva with more than 150 passengers and seven crew were circling over northern Kent waiting for clearance to

jet was at 11,000ft, his colleague returning from Geneva was immediately below him at

The pilot of the Paris jet was instructed to descend to 9,000ft, but as he dropped through 10,600ft his co-pilot saw the other 757 below him in a turn. The Paris pilot had descended to 10,400ft before he was able to turn and climb to safety. The report stated he felt there had been a high risk of collision and that under instrument conditions a collision would have occurred".

The captain of the Geneva said that when he heard the controller tell another aircraft to descend to 9,000ft, he assumed he was talking to an aircraft miles away in another holding pattern.

When the near collision happened, the report said. delays were 15 to 20 minutes and, given the number of aircraft in the vicinity, the air traffic control task "was complicated by the difficulties experienced with radar data block overlap and secondary radar garbling". Further problems were being caused by the potential for callsign confusion as two flights by an American carrier had been allocated the same callsign and two flights operated by a European carrier had very similar flight numbers.

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mandatory for any airline flying to or within the United States since 1992.

jets had been fitted with it. Work on the Boeing 757 fleet is about to begin at a cost of £3 million and it still has some aircraft on domestic or European routes waiting to have it fitted.

TCAS is a form of radar that sweeps the skies around the aircraft every second, displaying on a panel in front of the pilot any aircraft within range. A computer calculates

THE Traffic Alert and Colli- the other aircraft's path and, if ing or there is any potential danger, the display signs change colour, eventually turning red while a synthesised voice tells the pilot to take immediate eva-

The CAA resisted the introduction of TCAS for years, arguing that the crowded airways around British airports would produce endless false alarms and it would be

that the latest version of TCAS works very well in all conditions and pilots have expressed confidence in its ability to prevent mid-air collisions.

## Don claims bullish advice landed him in trouble Drummore, Dumfries and

WHEN a university lecturer set out to inspect a remote Scottish lighthouse as a possible site for oceanic research, he asked a farmer permission to cross his land - which

According to the don, the farmer's parting advice was that if he found the bull blocking his progress, he should wave his arms and shout, and if that failed, give the beast "two short taps on

stinging nettles. Mr Foskett, from Lowford, Hampshire, was launching a

£50,000 damages action. He

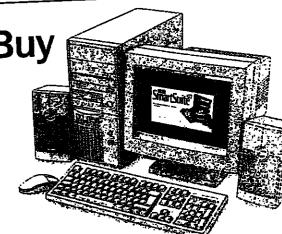
claims that the experience bruised more than his dignity. saying that the injuries forced him to give up his post at the Department of Oceanography at Southampton University. Lord Osborne, who heard preliminary legal argument in

the case, ordered that there should be a full hearing. Last night the bull's owner, Graham McClymont, from

didn't tell the man to hit a bull on the nose. Mr McClymont denies liability and blames Mr Foskett for inciting the bull. He insists

that while he gave Mr Foskett permission to be on parts of his land near Crammag Head lighthouse four years ago, that did not include the area where the bull grazed. Mr McClymont later dis-

closed that the main witness cannot be examined because he has long since been sent to slaughter.



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# Planes must have

By Our Air Correspondent

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# Schoolchildren may lose their pets

The classroom guinea-pig faces a ban.

**HOME NEWS** 

#### David Charter and Adrian Lee on why it is falling out of official favour

A BAN on school pets is being considered by education officials who believe that keeping classroom guinea pigs is cruel and out of date. School ani-mals could be replaced with videos and CD-Roms of rabbits and mice in their natural environment. John Stodier, director of education for Aberdeen City Council, said.

Mr Stodter said that keeping pets in cages was immoral and sent the wrong message to children about animal welfare. "It sets a bad example which reinforces and perpetu-ates the belief that humans can imprison other species for their own gratification." he

"Conditions are far removed from the natural envininment and the animals are subjected to noise and overhandling. Making arrangements for caring for animals at weekends and holidays always presents a problem for financial implications where an animal becomes sick or

It is believed to be the first time that an education authority has proposed a formal ban since the decline in school octs prompted by concern about neglect and disease. A survey of Aberdeen schools showed nine out of nearly fifty kept creatures including lizards.

ban will be debated next week but has the support of Jim Wyness, the education committee's Labour chairman.

There is no learning to be made from the use of animals in schools," he said. "The idea of having what should be wild animals for fun is outdated

Animal welfare groups were yesterday divided over the proposed ban. The suggestion was condemned as extreme by the Federation of Zoos. Mary Rosevear, of the federation, said: "If children don't get close to animals at a young age and learn to respect them. it is very difficult to work on Sarah Winfield, deputy

manager at Vauxhall City Farm, central London, said: "If the right animals are kept — small, low-maintenance ones - I don't see any problems. The idea is to teach children to respect animals and understand that they have

But the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals gave cautious support to a ban. On balance, we would rather pets were not kept in schools," John Briggs, its deputy chief superintendent, said. "Our main concern is that animals are left untended over weekends. We believe they should be looked at every day. It is also important that



Shelley the sheep entertaining a Manchester infants' school. Some schools prefer farm trips and visits by animal specialists to keeping pets

animals are not handled too much and have rest periods." The RSPCA prosecuted a school caretaker in Berkshire earlier this year for neglecting a school duck. She was given a conditional discharge by

Since then the school has stopped keeping pets and relies on trips to farms and visits by animal specialists. When a rare birds' display was held, a falcon was brought in.

David Whitbread, educa-

HOME CORRESPONDENT

FIVE drinks companies, in-

cluding the Sainsbury's su-

permarket chain, have with-

drawn alcopops after being

criticised for targeting under

18s or linking packaging to

ernment Association, said the growth of keeping pets in primary schools was linked with the move towards topicbased work in the late 1960s, and reached its heyday 25 years ago. "Not only did they help with biology but children

could write a poem or story about the rabbit. Some secondary schools, especially in Problems arose out of ne-

glect of animals and the

Vixen and Wild Brew tamed after

report attacks alcopop marketing

they were killed by vandals. One family tried, unsuccessfully, to sue Hertfordshire County Council when the school guines pig they were looking after for the weekend escaped and chewed their

kisses suggested sexual suc-

cess; and Sainsbury's Alcohol-

ic Lemon Drink because the

panel found the cartoon on

the bottle depicting a lemon

as a fish would appeal to

under 18s. It has already been

A fifth drink, The Spilt

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Space Doubt, is to be with-

drawn because its name was

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would appeal to under 18s, the

panel found. It said the name

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The drinks that are to be

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the Portman Group upheld complaints are Asda's Bite,

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emphasising its above aver-

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cent; Speciality Brands' Moo;

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ing intoxicated by drugs.

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day: "These drugs imitate the effects of such widely known illegal drugs as cannabis or Ecstasy but claim to be with-out the legal or health risks. Yet these herbal high drugs are illegal, very dangerous, and can be killers." To tackle the problem the Government is to enforce the Medicine Act 1968, which will

'Herbal

high'

drugs

to be

banned

By RICHARD DUCE

DRUGS known as "herbal

highs", which are sold as a

natural alternative to Eestasy

and cannabis, are to be out-lawed by the Government.

The drugs, popular at night-

clubs, raves and pop festivals,

have been linked to at least 15

Staff from the Medicines

Control Agency (MCA) plan to

target mail order firms and

specialist suppliers known as

'head shops" to stamp out the

trade. Alan Milburn, the

Health Minister, said yester-

deaths in America.

make trading or manufactur-ing the drugs without a licence illegal. The MCA awards such licences only after extensive trials prove a product safe. Herbal highs are marketed under such names as Druid's Fantasy, Skull Cap, Herbai Ecstasy, Purples and Road

Runner. A typical advertisement reads: "An LSD-type experience", including "giggles, time distortion, perceptual change and brighter Ingredients include sub-

tances such as khat, yohimbe bark and its active ingredient yohimbe, ipomoea, and cohedra, which has the active ingredient ephedrine. The deaths in America have been associated with products containing ephedra.

According to the Government, khat, popular with immigrants from Africa and the Middle East, is known to cause a form of psychosis and yohimbe is potentially hazardous when used in conjunction with common drugs found in cough and cold remedies.

Dealers who try to promote the herbal highs as "safe" alternatives to mind-bending by the MCA to stop trading. in jail for selling pills which, by mail order in youth magazines, cost between £3 and £5. Others are almost as expensive as controlled drugs: a substance known as "Cat". said to have a similar effect to cocaine, retails at £55 a gram

- £10 less than the real thing. Mr Milburn said: "It is clear that some suppliers and retail-ers have cynically ignored the MCA and have gone back on their word. Direct action is the now the only option to protect the public."

# Cot deaths rise renews pressure for research

SCIENCE EDITOR

COT deaths have risen for the first time in eight years. prompting fears that the big reduction achieved in the early 1990s may not be sustained.

In 1996 there were 499 cot deaths in Britain, up from 470 the year before, according to figures issued yesterday by the Office for National Statistics. The rise was concentrated in England and Wales, up from 410 to 441, and in Northern

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ures suggest a tripling from the five deaths in 1995. In Scotland, provisional figures showed a continued decline, from 49 to 43. The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths said that it hoped the rise in deaths was a blip rather than the start of a trend. "While the rise is small and parents should not feel unduly panicked, every single baby's death is tragic." Joyce Epstein,

secretary-general of the foundation, said. 'We don't know exactly how

still needed to shed light on why babies die."

The latest figures are still far below those of the late 1980s, reduction was attributed to campaigns to educate parents about risk factors, including advice to put babies to sleep on their back instead of their stomach. Although that ap-peared to have had a clear effect on the death rate, the cause of cot death remained

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when there were more than 1,300 cot deaths a year. The



to promote sensible drinking. today criticises Whitbread's Wild Brew for labelling that encourages irresponsible drinking. But it ruled that, although the label included a picture resembling a marijua-na leaf, that did not infringe the code of practice.

One of the drinks to be

given a new name is Moo, the alcoholic milk drink that was heavily criticised when it was



under ils than adults

launched. Thirteen out of 17 complaints made by members of the public trading standards officers, the charity Alcohol Concern and the Health Education Authority. have been upheld by a panel who studied the marketing and packaging of alcopops.

The Portman Group hailed

the action of the companies as evidence that the industry was able to regulate itself. Jean Coussins, director of the

companies to act unhesitatingly on breaches of our code of practice shows the industry committed to cracking down on unacceptable mar-keting of alcoholic products." The industry is to introduce a tighter code of practice from September 1 in an attempt to avoid government controls on alcopops.

The products being taken off the shelves include Allied Domecq's Barking Frog because the panel found the meant the drink was likely to appeal to under 18s; Beverage Brands' WKD Red because the letters WKD would be linked with the current slang usage of "wicked" and would appeal to under 18s, and

because packaging involving a woman's body with a zip partly undone linked the drink with sexual prowess. Other drinks being dropped are Cott Europe's Vixen because its name and the words "ignite your wild side" linked with an illustration of a

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## Unshapely potatoes blighted by stores

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

DEMAND for well-shaped, blemish-free potatoes in supermarkets is restricting the development of more diseaseresistant varieties that require less pesticide, according to growers and breeders. Supermarkets have in-

creased their share of fresh potato sales from about 40 per cent to more than 60 per cent since 1992. They also have 80 per cent of the market for processed potato products, such as pre-cut chips. Many of the popular variet-

ies are prone to potato blight, which is at its worst for years because of the warm, humid weather. Potato breeders say supermarkets should use their influence to encourage more research into less diseaseprone varieties.

Finlay Dale, a potato specialist at the Scottish Crop Research Institute, near Dundee, said: "The big supermarkets have a limited number of varieties that they are prepared to buy and sell, based parily on eating and cooking quality but also largely on such superficial traits as kin-finish and eye appeal.

"Many of these varieties, like Maris Piper, are very vulnerable to blight, which means that farmers are having to spray their potatoes up to 14 times in a season to grow a crop that supermarkets will

David Sawday, spokesman for Tesco, said: "We recognise that genetics can bring advances in disease resistance but the consumer's judgment must remain paramount."

## **Jurassic** Park in glorious colour

By Nigel, Hawkes

DINOSAURS may soon be revealed in their true colours by Australian scientists who have discovered the original pigmentation of a prehistoric fish.

Until now the skin colour of dinosaurs and other extinct species has been entirely conjectural. Dr Andrew Parker of the

Australian Museum in Sydney and his colleagues have found traces in ancient fossils of the cells that originally gave them their colour. Called chromatophores, they had been overlooked by earlier investigators, he believes, because they look so like other types of cell

He studied an ancient fish, a heavily armed placoderm from the Devonian Period 370 million years ago. On the upper part of the body, New Scientist reports, he found red pigment granules inside the lower part had traces of the grooves that create the iridescent sheen of modern marine crustaceans.

He concludes that the placoderm was red on top and silvery underneath. Once he was able to recognise the structures he found them on a range of extinct creatures ranging from worms to fish.

prove true of dinosaurs has vet to be demonstrated but Dr Parker is hopeful. "We can finally accurately describe the colour of extinct animals rather than simply speculate by comparison with modern ani mais." he says.

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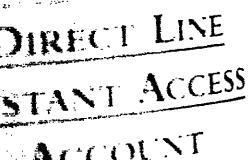
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# THE TIMES THURSDAY AUGUST 28 1997 Austria 'sterilises mentally handicapped women'

AUSTRIAN politicians yesterday plunged into the heated European debate about eugenics, claiming that the country was still forcing mentally handicapped women to be

Theresia Haidlmayr, the Green spokeswoman, said that there were no legal obstructions in Austria to

OM ROGER BOYES
STETILISING CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF DATIENT. Some 70 per cent of mentally handicapped women had been treated in this way, she said, although the party admirs there are no reliable

> The comments came as both Switzerland and Norway admitted that they had, until the 1970s, also practised compulsory sterilisation on mentally handicapped or racially "unsuitable" men and women,

according to disclosures pub-lished yesterday. Swedish revelations that

60,000 people had to undergo compulsory sterilisation over 50 years have sent historians throughout Europe searching their national medical archives for evidence incriminating or clearing their own

countries. The Swiss case is regarded as important because the Nazis used 1928 sterilisation legis-

ing canton of Vaud to fashion their own 1934 laws.

Even Hitler requested a copy of the law from the canton and from the Government in Berne as a basis for Nazi Germany's own racist laws," said Hans Ulrich Jost, a Lausanne history professor.

Switzerland, still struggling with revelations that its banks profited from the Holocaust, was shocked by Professor

found one recommendation for sterilisation for a young woman, two months pregnant, because she was described as "feeble-minded.

morally weak idiotic and promiscuous". But the deepest concern is in Scandinavia, because the evidence is clear that compulsory sterilisation was not merely part of the racist prewar

climate but became a con-

cratic policy after the war. Sweden dropped compulsory sterilisation only in 1976, while Finland and Norway also practised it well into the 1970s. Norway sterilised about 2000 people against their will between 1934 and 1976, according to Nils Rolf-Hansen, a

professor in Oslo. Most of the victims seemed to have been drawn from socially deprived backgrounds

cases, hospital workers refused to carry out abortions unless the women agreed to be sterilised. Boys in reform schools were sterilised before going on summer work camps, so that they would not reproduce with socially "ac-

ceptable" Swedes. But the sterilisation campaign also targeted racially "mixed" Swedes, including

It was this element - that the benign welfare state treasured by Swedes for more than 50 years could continue essentialnational socialist eugenics that has most alarmed Swedes and prompted questions about the internal controls within a welfare state system. A flood of compensation claims is now expected.

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#### WORLD

## Olympic bombing threat

A GROUP calling itself "We Who Built Sweden" claimed responsibility yes-terday for a powerful bomb explosion at a stadium in the western Swedish port of Gothenburg on Monday.

The group said that, if Stockholm is chosen next month as the venue for the 2004 Olympic Games. Sweden should prepare for a campaign of guerrilla warfare. In a faxed statement the group said it was acting for a majority of Swedes who did not want the Olympics. We are well organised and determined." (Reuters)

#### Bethlehem reopened

Jerusalem: Israeli military authorities have taken what they describe as a calculated risk" and lifted a 28-day internal closure of Bethlehem, which has been the scene of intense unrest (Ross Dunn writes). The decision follows strong international pressure against the blockade, which has prevented Christian pilgrims visiting the birthplace of Jesus and severely disrupted the vital tourist industry.

#### Singer dies destitute

Athens: Souria Bellou, the folk singer who rose to fame in Greece in the 1950s with a song commemorat-ing two Greek Cypriots hanged by the British, has died here, aged 76 Uohn Carr writes). She was reportedly destitute, not least because, for the past two years her sharp-edged voice reminiscent of Edith Piaf's, had been silenced by throat cancer.

#### 100 killed as boats collide

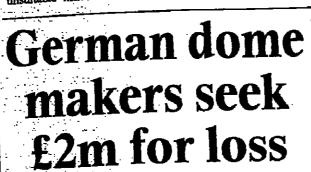
Lagos: About 100 people drowned when two wooden boats collided off Nigeria's Niger delta, a local newspaper reported. The victims were traders travelling from the oil city of Port Harcourt to Nembe in Rivers state. One of more than 70 people who sur-vived blamed the accident on heavy rain. (Reuters)

#### Disco blast suspect held

Rome: Italian police have arrested a Libyan man wanted in Germany for the bombing in 1986 of a Berlin disco frequented by US soldiers in which three people died and 200 were injured. The man was named as Musbah Abulgasem Eter. (Reuters)

#### Vietnamese age claim

Hanor: Le Thi Co, a 117year-old Vietnamese grandmother is the latest contender for the title of the world's oldest person. Earlier this month the Guinness Book of Records gave the title to a 116-yearold Canadian. (Reuters)



By ROGER BOYES

of contract

THE German dome-building company snubbed by Peter Mandelson has engaged a top commercial law firm in Britain to press for at least £2 million damages for the loss of the contract to build the Millennium Dome and to maximise the Government's embarrassment in Europe.

Stephen Lock, of Ludgate Communications, said yester-day that Herbert Smith, the commercial law practice with offices in London and Brussels, would take on the British Government and the New Millennium Experience Company for its ditching of the Koch Hightex contract to build the skin of the roof of the Millennium Dome in Greenwich. "Basically, Peter Mandelson could spend the next one or two years in and out of courts in London and Brus-

sels," said Mr Lock. The hiring of Mr Lock as well as the engagement of a high-carat practice such as Herbert Smith suggest that the Germans are serious. There will be a three-pronged attack, say legal sources: a claim against the British Government and the New Millennium Experience Company; a claim lodged in the European Court on the ground that European directives on procurement were breached; and a formal complaint to the European Commission. German executives - the

company is based in Prien were bemused by the British decision to switch from a polyester-skin dome to a Tefion-coated fibreglass roof. The company had submitted a quote for Teflon fibreglass in its original tender.

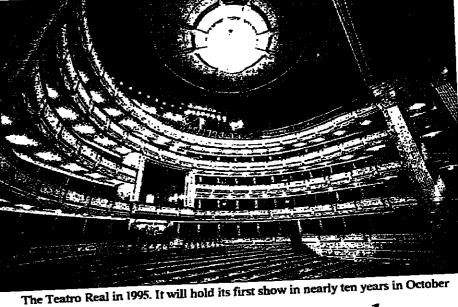
It is the world's biggest maker of fibreglass membranes, with a manufacturing capacity of three million square yards. By comparison, Japanese-owned Birdair, now set to win the order, has a capacity of 600,000 square yards. The price difference between the bids was not large; both were between £14 million and £15 million. If the Government pays even the minimum level of compensation to the Germans, then there will be little to choose between the two bids. The switch is therefore

being regarded as politically motivated by the advisers to the Germans. "Our assumption is that, in trying to distance itself from a PVC dome, the New Millennium Experience Company basically sacked the German comny," said Mr Lock. Mr Mandelson, the minis-

ter in charge of the Millennium project, has said the Government decided to use Teflon because the material was expected to last more than 25 years, providing "an enduring legacy after the end of the



Tenor Jaime Aragall will sing on opening night



# Madrid's ill-fated opera house bursts into song five years late

Antoni Ros Marba, was hired

in 1989 but left after arguing

with M Lessner. The conduc-

tor was six years on the pay-

roll, earning about £600,000,

with no orchestra to direct.

FROM GILES TREMLETT IN MADRID

MADRID'S opera house, the Teatro Real, is nervously preparing for a grand autumn reopening nearly ten years after closing its doors for what should have been a four-year refurbishment.

Political intrigue, artistic backbiting, architectural incompetence and spiralling prices have all been blamed for turning the £100 million refurbishment into a comic

opera of its own. The theatre was originally meant to open in 1992, when Madrid was Europe's City of Culture. But national, regional and municipal authorities spent years squabbling over funding, eventually raising the total cost fourfold.

Bad luck also played a part. The first architect, Jose Manuel González de Valcarcel, died while showing journalists around in 1992. His re-

The problems have now placement, Francisco Rodribeen resolved and the theatre guez, broke his foot shortly is due to hold its first perforafter taking over. Work had to be suspended when the main mance on October II with tenor Jaime Aragall and so-prano María José Montiel in construction company went into receivership. an all-Spanish production of La Vida Breve. King Juan The opera has had three artistic directors over the past Carlos and Queen Sofia will two years. The last to leave be guests of honour on the was a Frenchman. Stéphane opening night, which will Lessner, who fell out with draw the cream of European Esperanza Aguirre, the conopera. Señora Aguirre promservative Culture Minister. A ises that the 1,750-seat auditomusical director, conductor

> house in the world". Britain's Royal Ballet, currently homeless while the Royal Opera House undergoes refurbishment is to perform Sleeping Beauty in November.

rium will be "the best opera

A two-tonne glass chande-lier crashed in the main audi-Madrid's opera and ballet torium in 1995. When work lovers, starved of fare for so was deemed to be nearly long, have swamped the box completed in February this office. All season tickets were year, it was found the seats sold in the first three days. were pointing the wrong way.

# Belgian elite survives paedophile revolt

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

A YEAR since Belgium came close to revolt over the handling of the paedophile murders, the Government and the country's much-criticised institutions have weathered the storm without a single

Fading photographs of Julie Lejeune and Melissa Russo. the eight-year-olds starved to death in the home of Marc Dutroux, are still visible in windows, cars and shops, but the crisis over the child killings has blown over, sparing the coalition government

of Jean-Luc Dehaene. "A year on and absolutely nothing has changed," said Marc Verwilghen, the popular leader of a parliamentary inquiry which exposed incompetence and failure by the authorities which handled the case. Mr Verwilghen, a Flemish Liberal MP, is angry over the Government's failure to act on his findings.

Mr Dutroux, 41, remains in solitary custody in the south-western town of Arlon, still denying many of the charges that he kidnapped at least six girls and murdered four at his home near Charleroi. He is reported to be playing with his investigators in the textbook style of a psychopath. In an illustration of the snail-like pace of Belgian justice, his trial is not expected to start until late next year.

No evidence has been produced to confirm speculation that Mr Dutroux and his alleged accomplices enjoyed protection from high-placed figures or that they were the centre of a paedophile ring.
However, eight out of ten
Belgians still believe this to be the case, according to polis. The parliamentary inquiry is to start investigating the matter next week.

Examining judges yester-day staged the latest confron-



Dutroux: his trial not



Lejeune: starved to death in Dutroux home

tation between Mr Dutroux and Michele Martin, the woman he was living with. who is reported to be cooperating describing alleged atrocities committed by the monster of Charleroi Ms Martin and Michel Lelievre, an alleged accomplice, are the only two of the 12 others charged in the affair to remain in custody.

The emotion of last October's "White March" in which 300,000 citizens demanded reform to the system of political patronage seems like a distant memory. Shocked by the publie protests, the Government then promised reforms to answer the charge that the paedophile affair was the symptom of an indifferent and

corrupt state. Measures have been taken. A centre for missing children has been set up. Stung by the evidence of indifference to disappearances, the police are also reacting zealously every time a child goes missing. Judges are to be appointed

purely on merit. But there is a feeling the political establishment has shirked responsibility. Polls show that up to 90 per cent of Belgians feel the Government has taken little account of public demands.

Ministers reject the charge of inaction. The system that I have to change is rigid," said Stefan De Clerck, the Justice Minister. To say that nothing has been done is false. It takes more than 100 days to try to correct a system which was going wrong for five years."

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# Unhealthy rush to altar gets Turks' goats

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

POLICE on a British base in Cyprus. more used to herding boisterous soldiers, have been in action against some 400 Turkish Cypriot goats being smuggled across the island's dividing "Green Line" to furnish wedding feasts in the Greek

Cypriot south.

The floppy-eared excursionists, caught crossing into the British military base of Dhekelia that straddles the divide, es-

caped being cooked. But they still came to an unfinely end. All were destroyed on Tuesday when a vet discovered they were infected with brucellosis. Altogether 387 goats, 25 sheep and three dogs were given

lethal injections. A diplomat said that while it was virtually impossible to get the island's estranged Cypriot leaders to sit at the negotiating table "co-operation between

crooks has always been excellent". Police believe the livestock was destined for Greek Cypriot smugglers hop-

ing to capitalise on the demand for ovenbaked goat meat in the late summer months when it is the traditional dish at huge, outdoor wedding feasts. The profit margins are often healthier than the livestock: a goat that sells for about £12 in northern Cyprus can fetch five times that

in Greek Cypriot areas. A civilian court on the base yesterday charged two Turkish Cypriots with "illegal transportation of animals which have not been examined or inoculated". They face up to six-month's jail.

# Gore's 'hit list' of the rich fuels row on funding

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

AL GORE made at least 80 reminder to people who had fundraising calls to America's richest lawyers, businessmen and philanthropists, who later gave \$3.7 million to the 1996 Democratic campaign, according to startling new documents obtained by a Senate

Sheafs of "call-sheets" show the Vice President made more than 50 cold calls to potential donors whose names had been culled from stacks of business and legal magazines, according to the Senate committee which is probing the financing of the most expensive election in American history.

The picture emerging from the documents is that Mr Gore had a much more prominent role in party fundraising than he indicated in March when he was first drawn into the row which has dogged the White House since the November election. It threatens to tarnish his "clean guy" image and undermine his campaign for the White House in 2000.

Mr Gore's office, which submitted the documents to Congress, says: "We want to re-emphasise that everything the Vice-President did was legal and appropriate."

According to the Senate documents, the Democratic National Committee drew up a target list for Mr Gore of 140 names from the top tier of potential donors - those expected to give at least \$25,000. Of these, he made 56 cold calls, leaving messages in ten cases, and made another 30 "thank you" calls by way of pledged big donations but had not yet sent the cash.

A note on the call sheet for John O'Quinn, a Houston lawyer, said he was representing women in breast implant cases and had been featured on the cover of Fortune magazine under the headline "Lawvers from Hell". The sheet suggested Mr Gore ask for \$100,000; Mr O'Quinn later gave \$105,000 in soft money to Democratic party committees.

The call sheet for Ann Getty, a member of the Getty oil family, reminded Mr Gore that they had met in San



#### **Tussle for memoirs**

Washington: Webster Hubbell, the Arkansas lawyer and Clinton confident who was jailed on Whitewaterrelated charges, is lighting to prevent special prosecutors seeing his memoirs (Bronwern Maddox writes).

Kenneth Starr, head of the three-year investigation into the Whitewater saga, has poena on Hubbell's publishers to win access to the Bill and Hillary Clinton".

Webster manuscript Hubbell's lawyers, who say they "have never seen a subpoena this broad", claim it would give Mr Starr the right to "each page of each draft as it comes out of the word processor".

Hubbell's publishers, William Morrow, say that the book, due out early next year, will be an account of his "life slapped a wide-ranging sub- in politics, his friendships and associations with President

Francisco in October and suggested asking for \$50,000. arge handwriting on the top of the sheet declared "Done".

Mr Gore also asked Marvin Davis, president of the Davis Oil Corporation, for \$50,000 and Leon Hess of the Amerada Hess Corporation for \$100,000.

The Senate governmental affairs committee, chaired by Republican Fred Thompson. plans to investigate Mr Gore's role more closely in its second round of hearings next month. Janet Reno, Attorney-Gen-

eral, who has resisted pressure from Republicans to appoint an independent counsel for the controversy, has told the Senate that it is legal for the President and Vice-President to solicit cash from the White House provided that it is for party activities not their personal campaigns. But the threat to Mr Gore is

that the image will stick. Earlier in the year, he suffered from the revelation that his campaign appearance at a Buddhist temple was a fundraising event not a spiritual one; television pictures of him strolling with the temple monks continue to be shown when the fundraising row bubbles up.

The latest disclosures threaten to distract attention from his attempt to use his well-known support for the environment as the first step in the 2000 campaign. While Clinton has been holidaying on Martha's Vineyard, Mr Gore was trudging around Yellowstone National Park preaching the dangers of global warming. But he may find it hard to emerge a hero from the green cause. Americans are reluctant to be told to give up their petrol-guzzling cars, or that the world is getting a more dangerous

🗖 Gifts charge: Mike Espy, a former Agriculture Secretary, has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of taking \$35,000 in illegal gifts yesterday. He denies the charges. (Reuters)



Choe Hae Ok, star of the Flower Maiden, directed by the North Korean leader

#### Face that won a dictator's heart

THIS is the woman who charmed one of the most dangerous men in the world. Choe Hae Ok, a gifted North Korean actress who defected with her husband to the United States, may have been a former mistress of the North Korean dictator. Kim Jong II, it was claimed in Seoul last night. Mr Kim's

taste for young actresses is well documented. 'Choe was almost always invited to Kim Jong Il's weekend parties and it was known that she was his favourite", said Shin Yong Hee, a former colleague and confidant of

Choe Hae Ok, now in her forties, was given a starring

operetta produced and directed by the stage-struck Mr Kim. Her relationship with the son and heir of the Great Leader is rumoured to have speeded her husband's ascent to the position of Depu-Foreign Minister,

# North Koreans break off talks after defections

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

talks with the United States on missile proliferation yesterday after the defection of a senior diplomat thought to possess knowledge of its arms sales in the Middle East

Li Gun, North Korea's Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations, denounced defectors as "criminals" and said Washington's decision to offer them political asylum was a "grave insult" to

Pyongyang.
Washington announced on
Tuesday that Jang Seung II,
North Korea's Ambassador to Egypt, had defected with his brother and their families. He is believed to possess knowledge of Pyongyang's missile sales to Egypt, Syria and Iran. The defectors included his wife, Choe Hae Ok, and brother, Jang Seung Ho, a diplomat in Paris.

US officials had been scheduled to resume talks with North Korea in New York yesterday, after a threemonth break, on the Communist country's production and sale of long-range Scud mis-siles to what Washington considers "rogue states".

The North Korean team cancelled the meeting when news of the defection broke. in light of the position taken by the United States in the reported defection of this group of Jangs, we find it does not make sense to resume the missile talks," Mr Li said. US officials tried to play down the significance of the defections, saying they did not signal the long-feared collapse of the North Korean

NORTH KOREA cancelled spokesman called the cancellation of the missile talks "disappointing but not unexpected" and expressed the hope it would not disrupt efforts to negotiate a formal peace to replace the armistice that ended the Korean War.

Mr Li demanded that the defectors be returned to North Korea. "The Jangs" group must be sent back to face our law," he said. "They committed the crime of leak ing the secrets of our republic and corruption."

North Korea said the brothers had been sacked lass month and had been recalled home for a judicial investigation. A statement in Pyongyang said: "Any individual or authority that conceals or protects the criminals will be considered to have been involved in their crimes."

South Korean analysts say the first defection of an ambassador could prove an acute embarrassment for the North Korean regime. They claim the embassy in Cairo is Pyongyang's nerve centre in the Middle East. US officials have said North Korea can produce 150 Scud missiles a year and has sold 370 missiles

to Arab countries.

Geneva: North Korea yesterday pulled out of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. after being criticised for its human rights record (Peter Capella writes). It had been a signatory since 1981 and is the first country to pull out of a major international human rights pact.

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**Bucharest: President Clinton** 

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# Indian tribes go on the warpath over threat to federal funding

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

FROM the turmoil down on Indian reservations, a new Senate Bill risks provoking a rerun of the Battle of Wounded Knee, that famous showdown still seen as a bitter symbol of the encroachment of

the white man. Two new lican, said the measures, sta-Republican proposals threaten to strip away the cherished independence of the 554 Indian tribes in America and nearly half of their \$1.7 billion (£] billion) federal funding. Republican senators say

they have been provoked into pushing for change by the \$4 billion in annual revenues which Indian reservations make from gambling. Senator Slade Gorton of Washington state, main promoter of the two clauses, said: "I find nothing in any Indian treaty that says they must be continuously supported by the feder-

The only American Indian in the Senate, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, a Colorado Repubpled to a wide-ranging finance Bill, would be passed "over my dead body". The Clinton Administration

has called the clauses "radical and unjust". But Mr Gorton hopes the Government's desire to see other parts of the Bill passed, including \$100 million for the National Endowment for the Arts and \$700 million for new national parks, will blunt opposition. One clause would strip

away \$767 million in federal funding if tribes, currently deemed to be "sovereign governments", did not waive their immunity to civil lawsuits. Indian chiefs say this overturns their hard-won status as independent regions, granted in the 1970s and 1980s after bitter political fights, and that. given the litigiousness of American society, they would

Under the second clause, tribes could be denied federal money if their income rose above a certain level. Supporters of Indian gambling are outraged, arguing that casinos have been the most powerful economic development tool for indian regions, bringing jobs, profit and pride. There are nearly 300 gambling sites run by nearly 180 tribes, including

tribes argue that Mr Gorton

overlooks the fact that only a

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Roman, the Romanian Senate Speaker, for the gift presented during his visit in July. Mr Clinton wrote of his gratitude "for the flag or poncho", newspapers here reported yesterday. The gift in fact was one of the national flags, with the Mohicans, Navajos and Sioux Small, impoverished

Communist red star emblems cut out, that became a rallying symbol of resistance during the 1989 revolution against the Ceaucescu regime.

"I was little suprised when I read the word poncho." Mr Petre said. (AFP)

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#### **Pesticide** ban 'blow to Third World'

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

A MOVE to phase out an important ozone-damaging chemical has caused a row between the United Nations Environment Programme and British and US scientists.

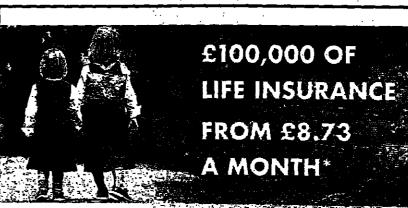
The scientists are accusing the UN agency of suppressing key sections of a report which argues that methyl bromide, used as pesticide, cannot be easily or swiftly phased out without wrecking agriculture in the developing world.

Ministers are due to vote at a meeting in Montreal next month on a plan to eliminate the chemical which is used to fumigate soils and processed foods. Methyl bromide is believe to account for a tenth of the destruction of the ozone

The scientists claim the final report has been written to present a false picture on how easy it would be to phase out the chemical. They say the agency has been under pressure from the United States. which has said it will ban methyl bromide in 2001 and is keen to protect its farmers by forcing the rest of the world to follow suit.

The UN report in Montreal will claim that the world can achieve a 75 per cent reduction in the pesticide's use by 2001. But Colin Smith, a member of the committee that wrote the original report who works for the pest control company Rentokil, told New Scientist: This is totally contrary to everything that has been agreed by the experts in the

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# Miners' invasion brings death to Amazon tribe

A RAGTAG army of at least 6,000 armed gold diggers and diamond hunters have invaded an Amazon rainforest reserve inhabited by Yanomami indians, and are threatening the survival of the region's most primitive and isolated tribe. Hundreds of Yanomami indians

have fallen ill and have had to be airlifted out of the nine million hectare reserve in Brazil's northern state of Roraima as a result of the miners' incursion. The remote-jungle region, which lies along the 1.800 mile border with Venezuela, is believed to be rich in unexploited

Health workers said a sharp rise in cases of malaria, tuberculosis and pulmonary infections had been detected among the Yanomami indians since gold and diamond prospectors, known as garimpeiros, set up makeshift jungle camps which are polluting and spreading disease along ecologically sensitive

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When garingeiros invade Yanomami lands they plunder their crops, pollute the rivers and shoot any indian who opposes their presence, said Claudio Esteves de Oliveira, one of three doctors, working for an independent, Pro-Yanomami Commission.

The mining pits dug along the rivers are breeding grounds for the mosquitoes which cause malaria epidemics," he said. "Drunken gurimpeiros regularly raid the villages to rape the Yanomami girls. We have detected an alarming rise in sexually transmitted diseases, and dread to think what the outcome would be if we started to test for HIV."

Twelve Yanomami indians were killed in confrontations with armed gold diggers this month. Three children under three and ten elderly women died from malnutrition before reaching the hospital in Boa Vista, the capital of Roraima, and the closest city to the 200 or so remote Yanomami villages scattered around the reserve. The gold and diamond hunters

threaten us with guns and illness. They are killing my people and keep coming into our lands even though the Government promised to keep them out, said Davi Kopenawa Yanomami, a chief, during a meeting of indigenous leaders with Brazilian authorities in Boa Vista. "Very soon the Yanomami will be



An influx of armed prospectors is threatening Brazil's primitive Yanomami tribespeople. Report and photographs by Gabriella Gamini

no more and the Earth will be destroyed," he said. "My people want to defend the forest from destruction. But the white men have weapons that kill faster than an антом. The Yanomami cannot fight back against this evil."

The Brazilian Government de-marcated a third of the state of Roraima as a "preservation" zone for Yanomaroi indians in 1991. But its failure to enforce the zone has been criticised by local and interna-tional organisations which defend the rights of endangered tribes.

According to non-governmental organisations working in the region the situation is now "critical", and if the flow of illegal miners continues the damage could be irreversible.

"We are very concerned that the Brazilian Government has done nothing to remove garimpeiros working illegally in the Yanomami



A Yanomami man dressed for the hunt. He is now the quarry for illegal miners

area," said Richard Garside, press officer of Survival International in

The police and army launched Operation Free Jungle to remove 40,000 garimpeiros by force during a gold rush in the early 1990s. But years on the authorities stand by as a new wave of El Dorado seekers

invade the protected region.

Its the richest area in the land, full of gold and diamond deposits. Why should the indians have it all." said Pedro de Oliveira, a toothless gold digger, as he bought his supplies of rifle cartridges, shovels, buckets and alcohol in central Boa

Like thousands of others he is a migrant from exhausted mines in the poor state of Maranhao. Thousands of others come from backwater towns across the border in Venezuela - such as the Wild West style Santa Elena de Uieren -which survive on the illegal diamond trade.

They receive backing from Roraima politicians, feudal style landlords, who rely on the migrants votes and are traditionally antipreservationist. "Being a friend of the Yanomami is like being a friend of the devil here in Boa Vista. We have to work undercover because there is a price on our heads," said Senhor Esteves de Oliveira. A El.7 million fund released by

the Government last year for the FUNAI — Brazil's official body for the protection of indigenous groups - to renew operations against illegal mining activity, has mysterioulsy vanished. Some say it was spent by the cash-strapped organisation's headquarters in Brasilia before it ever reached

Funai blames the air force for failing to provide the Americanmade Buffalo aircraft needed to launch the operation to remove the miners. The Yanomami are suffering terribly from the entry of garimpeiros and we want to get them out. But we have not received collaboration from the air force,"



A Yanomami girl pounds manioc in her remote village, a way of life threatened by gold fever

said Walter Blos, a FUNAl representative who is based in Boa

Missionaries and health workers who live in the indian villages of Toototobi and Dimini, have reported seeing huge patches of forest being cut down to build clandestine landing strips for the twin-engined planes which bring miners into the jungle. More than 55 balsas, or barges, used to drill into riverbeds, have also been spotted in the area.

At least 100,000 Yanomami indians roamed the northern Amazon basin before Spanish colonisers reached the Americas. Just over 22,000 members of the tribe survive according to recent estimates, 9,400 in Brazil and the rest in Venezuelan rainforest. Health workers, who registered a

small rise in their birth rate in 1993-1995 when mining activity was almost eradicated, warn that their population is again dwindling.



## Tobacco victory brings lawyers \$1bn

LAWYERS who represented the state of Florida in its recent lawsuit against the American tobacco industry could receive \$1 billion (£625 million) for their services.

The suit was settled out of court on Sunday, with Big Tobacco" agreeing to pay the state \$11.3 billion as compensation for money spent on treating smoking-related illnesses. The payout also included a large proportion in "punitive damages".

Since they were acting on a "no win, no fee" basis, the !! law firms which acted for Florida will receive a handsome share of the spoils. Lawton Chiles, the Governor of Florida, has been quick to point out that the settlement does not include lawyers' fees which the tobacco industry

will have to pay separately. Robert Montgomery, one of Florida's attorneys, revealed that the estimate of "at least \$1 billion" in lawyers' fees was based on a pre-trial contract which gives lawyers "25 per cent of any settlement, or verdict brought in by a jury". Although Florida will re-ceive \$11.3 billion, not all of

that is open to assessment for contingency fees. The proportion treated as "punitive" that which is in excess of the literal compensation for monies spent on Medicaid — is placed beyond the lawyers grasp. The "punitive" element is

not, as yet, precisely charted. but is expected to be at least \$6.3 billion. That leaves a maximum of \$5 billion that will represent compensation, and from which the lawyers can take their cut. Split II ways, the firms stand to receive about \$91 million each. Mr Montgomery said: "It

sounds like a lot of money. But when you consider the number of hours, the complexity of the case, the uniqueness of the issues litigated, and the expertise required, it really is not that much money." Before the trial, the lawyers

had rejected various options, and went instead for a "25 per cent across-the-board deal".

# Mosquitoes bring fear of epidemic to Florida

FROM TUNKU VARADARAIAN IN NEW YORK

CENTRAL Florida, home to ber of cases of encephalitis, the Disney World resort park. is on a mosquito "red alert" after the area was hit by swarms of insects bearing a potentially deadly strain of

encephalitis. In the last outbreak of the disease to occur in Florida, in 1990, 11 people died and 223 people were taken ill.

As a precaution against being bitten by mosquitoes, residents and visiting tourists are being advised not to venture outside at dawn or dusk, the periods at which the insects are at their most

voracious. Disney World has also discouraged the use of pools after dusk. It is handing out leaflets listing precautions to the thousands of tourists who file

through its gates.

Tony Welch, a spokesman for the Florida State Health Department, said that a num-

Kim Basinger reads a

statement at Rio Grande

Zoo in Albuquerque, New

Mexico, as part of her

campaign to draw atten-

tion to the ill-treatment of

performing animals in

America. The actress took

up the cause after an eight-

year-old African elephant

was found dead from heat

spread by the mosquitoes, had been detected in about 40 chickens. Yesterday, two

people in Brevard County, about 60 miles southeast of Orlando, were also also reported to have been tested for Dr. Jahangir Moini, the

county's epidemiologist, said: We predict we're going to have an outbreak. Right now we have two suspected cases. but they are not confirmed cases." In an effort to exterminate

the disease-bearing mosqui-toes, lorries and aircraft will be employed on "a war footing" over the next week, spraying insecticide over a 1,375 square mile area believed to be most at risk.

Residents are being urged to eliminate stagnant water around their homes. They are also being advised to wear

Kim Basinger

in animal plea

exhaustion in its trailer

outside a hotel in Albu-

querque earlier this mouth.

Two other elephants found

alive in the trailer, and

eight llamas, have been

handed over to city officials

long-sleeved clothing at all times. Mosquito repellent has also been described as de

Symptoms of encephalitis, which attacks and destroys the body's nervous system, are headaches, a stiff neck, high fever and constant drowsiness. Elderly people are more susceptible to the disease than the young, say doctors. State health officials advised people to go to a doctor "instantly" should they have any of these

symptoms. The proliferation of mosquitoes this year has been as-cribed to the heavy rainfall which has hit Florida. Besides, the virus is thought to be cyclical, emerging after gaps of seven to ten tears.

The ground in Central Florida is now saturated, and this helps mosquito eggs to hatch. The eggs can remain dormant for up to seven years.

JAKE SCHOELKOPF / AP

as animal crucity charges

are brought against a train-

er employed by the Texas-based King Royal Circus. These animals are kept

in horrific conditions,

said the actress, an animal

rights activist. They're

dragged around cities suf-

fering in the name of

entertainment."

## 'Sellout' taunt by Harare minister

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN HARARE

A GOVERNMENT minister stunned a judicial inquiry into fraudulent war disability payments by calling a questioner a "sellout" — guerrilla slang for a collaborator with the former white Government.

The media also interpreted a comment by Joyce Mujuru, the Rural Resources Minister, as a threat to kill the man.

Mrs Mujuru, who as a guerrilla went by the name of Teurai Ropa, or Spill Blood, was testifying on Tuesday, the sixth day of an official enquiry into how \$44 million (£27 million) was paid out to bogus claimants.

Some, including President Mugabe's apparently healthy brother-in-law, got up to \$80,000 despite dubious combat records in the 1972-80 fight to end white rule.

Mrs Mujuru said she was given \$35,000 "by mistake" in the belief she was applying for a business loan, and had since repaid the money. When Sobhuzz Gula-

Ndebele, a lawyer and former guerrilla, asked Mrs Mujuru why her former comrades-inarms signed forms supporting her claim that she had suffered 55 per cent disability as a result of the war, the minister screamed: "You are a sellout. It's as if you are accusing me. If you want to be a hero from this commission you are going to get heroism."

The state-controlled media interpreted her outburst as a reference to Mr Mugabe's custom of declaring dead former guerrillas "National Heroes" and, therefore, an implied threat to kill Mr Gula-Ndebele. Mrs Mujuru survived the bush war "without a scratch".

Up to 90,000 former guerrillas and political detainces claim they are living in near destitution. They have been demonstrating for \$50,000 payouts, \$180 a month pensions and land. Yesterday the cash-strapped Government said it had agreed to award the veterans a \$4,220 one-off payment and a monthly pension.

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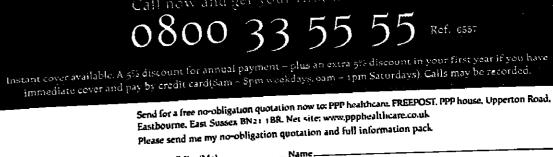
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# Moscow mafia in textbook murder

RUSSIA'S publishing industry, for long the preserve of the intelligentsia, appears to have fallen prey to the country's ubiquitous mafia, after details emerged vesterday of the gangland assassination of a successful young publisher.

Although Russians have become used to frequent ac-counts about the murders of bankers, prominent sportsmen and casino owners, publishers have by and large remained untouched by Russia's mobsters.

That myth was dispelled late on Tuesday when police were called to a residential street in Moscow after the contract killing of Aleksandr Krutik, commercial director of the Drofa publishing house.

Wimesses said the 29-yearold publisher was hit by two rooftop snipers as he left his home in the capital. His bodyguard returned fire with a pistol, but the killers escaped and Mr Krutik died of his wounds as he was being taken

Drofa is Russia's leading publisher of educational literRussia's underworld has turned

its guns on state publishing, writes

**Richard Beeston** from Moscow

ature, a hugely profitable industry, given that the Governpublishing and distribution of textbooks free of charge to the

nation's pupils.

The publishing house was due to have given a press conference yesterday when it was expected to announce that it had again won a multimillion-pound contract for publishing textbooks for the next academic year.

Last November Vladimir Veshnyakov, Drofa's deputy director-general, was found shot dead in a car in suburban Moscow, At the time his partner said Veshnyakov not have moved around the city without a bodyguard, a precaution which did not protect Mr Krutik nine months later.

Police have made no head-

way in that murder investigation, and judging by their poor track record in solving contract killings it is highly unlikely that any arrests will be made in the latest shooting. Publishing industry sources

said that there were several possible suspects, ranging from rival publishers trying to cut into the lucrative market. to distributors and printers who had not been paid. Aside from the illicit business of translating and pub-

lishing pirated Western

bestsellers for the Russian

mass market, most commercial publishing in Russia remains largely mafia-free.
Frankly the profits involved are too small to bother killing somebody for," said one veteran publisher. "The

tracts for the Government's

school textbooks. The publish ing and distribution rights are worth hundreds of millions of dollars, and as a result the mafia is heavily involved in every step of the way."

Tuesday's murder happened only a day after Presi-dent Yeltsin told Yuri Skuratov, the Prosecutor-General, that he was not satisfied with the performance of the law enforcement agencies in their fight against crime.

This month alone St Petersburg has witnessed two highprofile killings. Valeri Mandrykin, vice-president of the Finnish-owned oil com-pany Neste-Sankt-Petersburg, was shot dead. Last week Mikhail Manevich, deputy governor of St Petersburg and crusading reformer, was killed by a sniper.

In Moscow figures in the sports world have been particular targets. In April, Valentin Sych, the head of Russia's Ice Hockey Federation, was shot dead. His murder was followed in June by that of Larisa Nechayeva, director of Mos-



Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist member of the Duma, tears a burger apart at a McDonald's restaurant in Moscow yesterday, saying "this is not real meat" in a protest over the quality of imported goods

# Milosevic planning to rein in Plavsic's Bosnia bandwagon

FROM TOM WALKER IN BANJA LUKA

OFFICIALS at Banja Luka's military airport said yesterday that they were preparing for a visit by President Milosevic of Yugoslavia to Republika Srpska — his first trip to Bosnia since the war.

The crisis that threatens to split the Bosnian Serb territory in two now looks certain to evolve into a regional problem. Originally a head-to-head conflict between two Bosnian Serb nationalists, President Playsic and her predecessor, Radovan Karadzic, Western diplomats are now talking of complicated pan-Yugoslav alliances developing, sucking both Serbia and state, Montenegro, into the

profile yesterday, choosing not ter. They said the town's police three men with the interna-

to respond to the vitriol heaped on her by the internationally ostracised Republika Srpska parliament in Pale, Dr Karadzic's mountain hideaway above Sarajevo. Instead, she met with leaders of the

Serb Orthodox Church.

Another institution looks set to align itself with the Plavsic camp: she now has the police. most of the army and the Church on her side. Dr Karadzic has his empty rhetoric, given credence by the parts of the state media he still controls - and yesterday there were reports that another state television transmitter, near Doboj, was about to switch sources said last night that shooting had been heard near Mrs Plavsic kept a low the Doboj television transmit-

station was guarded by police loyal to Dr Karadzic. Major Chris Riley, Nato's Stabilisation Force (Sfor)

spokesman in Sarajevo, confirmed that permission had been sought for Mr Milosevic to fly into Republika Srpska. Officials at Banja Luka's mili-tary airport, Mahovijani, said they were preparing for the visit, and Mr Milosevic's protocol and security advisers

were seen in Banja Luka. Given Mrs Playsic's enormous gains of the past week, and her well-known hatred of Mr Milosevic and his communist methods, the Yugoslav President will be coming on mours that have furmelled into Banja Luka from Pale talk of a bitter fallout between

tional war crimes tribunal in The Hague very much on their s body

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Mr Milosevic, Dr Karadzic and his sidekick, Morncilo Krajisnik, the Serb representative on Bosnia's state presidency, all know too much about one another's wartime roles, the feeling in Banja Luka is that if one goes to The Hague, the two others will surely follow. Mrs Playsic's anti-corruption train is hastening their ends, unless Mr Milosevic can somehow apply

the brakes. "It's entirely feasible that they're splitting," said one Western diplomat "Karadzic and Krajisnik and Milosevic are under incredible pressure from the international com-

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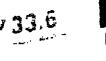














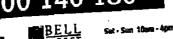


The sun is unlikely to set on these 13 territories. The oldest and now by far the largest is Bermuda, founded in 1609

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# Rescue fiasco as more return to island than go

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN WOODLANDS, MONTSERRAT

first announced, the British BRITISH officials here admit-Government said it expected that up to 3,000 Montserted yesterday that a voluntary evacuation of the island which rations might leave the island. Britain is to pay their air egan on Saturday has not lived up to their expectations. fares to the UK as well as We came here expecting a large evacuation that hasn't happened," said Captain

social benefits. Islanders who wish to go to other Caribbean islands are also being offered £2,400 in financial aid. Amid the row between the Government and the island's been co-ordinating the evacua-tion. The Royal Navy, which was sent to Montserrat in administration. Bernie Grant, the Labour MP for Totten-ham, left yesterday for a

private visit in a bid to "break the deadlock". Mr Grant, chairman of the all-party Parliamentary group on the Caribbean, said: There is increasing desperation in Montserrat, and this has much to do with difficulties of communication, and a lack of understanding. Being from the region myself, I hope that I will be able to overcome some

of these difficulties." He said

his aim was to "patch up" the quarrel between the Government and the islanders and he blamed "megaphone diplomacy" for the rift and said some of the remarks by Clare Short, International Development Secretary, had not been very helpful.

The head of Montserrat's local government. David Brandt, has criticised Britain for offering financial incentives to leave the island, rather than offering greater assis-tance for those who wish to stay. "They are encouraging our citizens by the bait of money to go to foreign countries. We do not want our population depleted to the four

Some Monserratians have returned to the island in recent days. There seem to be more Montserrations arriving on the ferries than we are evacuating," observed one officer



Kalita Molyneux, nine, hugs family members as she leaves Montserrat — one of the few to evacuate the island

aboard HMS Liverpool. "The tide has turned. Although the whole world is saying that we should leave, there are many people here who are determined to stay," said Bennette Roach, editor of the local

newspaper. The Montserral Reporter, Mr Roach, who also chairs the National Consultative Group, a private and public sector forum created last week to lobby for the future recovery of the island,

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said that efforts by the local government to seek international support for the rebuilding of homes and businesses on the "safe zone" northern end of the island, had encouraged more people to stay.

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"There is new hope now," he

But British officials said they would not abandon the programme and were stepping up their efforts to increase the flow of evacuees.

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## Scotland shivers after big eruptions

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

IF MONTSERRAT blows its top, Scotland can expect to feel the draught.

Two researchers have found that gales blow hardest in Edinburgh in winters after big eruptions. It is assumed to be due to climatic changes that can occur if volcanic material is blown high into the

atmosphere.
Dr Alistair Dawson, of Coventry University, and Dr Kieran Hickey, of St Patrick's College in Maynooth, compared weather records with volcanic activity. They picked Edinburgh because its records date back to 1770.

After three of the biggest blasts in history, they found gales in Edinburgh were stronger than usual. Erup-tions of two Indonesian volcanoes, Tambora in April 1815 and Krakatoa in August 1883, produced winters in which gales exceeded force 7 for 70 days a year. After Mexico's El Chichon erupted twice in 1982. Edinburgh experienced gales for more than 50 days.

## New body to review policy on territories

David Snelson, who com-mands the British destroyer

HMS Liverpool which has

response to increased fears of

major new eruption of the

island's active volcano, may

scale down its presence next

week, handing over responsi-

bility for the evacuation to the

island's police and defence

Since the evacuation began

on Saurday, 45 Montserrations have left the island.

although British officials say

1,000 people have registered for the scheme. When it was

Kuala Lumpur: Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, has ordered a thorough review of British policy towards depen-dent territories (David Watts

Speaking shortly after the first meeting of the new multiministry task force, he said there had been policy flaws in the handling of the Montserrat crisis. But the fault lay with a failure of communication rather than with policy. That had had the effect of islanders being unaware of the choices available under the British Government's re-

lief programme.... The review will extend over the next six months and culminate in a comprehensive new policy to be announced at



a dependent territories conference next February. The new policy is expected to result in tailor-made portfolios for each territory.

Mr Cook said the Foreign Office had been distracted by the return of Hong Kong to Chinese control and had been unable to devote the necessary resources to the remaining

# Remote outposts likely to stay pink on the map

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

SCATTERED across the and comprising 60,000 globe, Britain's 13 dependent territories are all that remain bean: Montserrat, now sufferof an empire that once encornpassed a quarter of the world. eruption; Anguilla, the most Acquired largely by accident as war booty, shipping sta-tions or chance discoveries. the tiny possessions are among the most remote inhab-

Yet as Montserrat has shown, these British dots on the map can still cause political and economic embarrassment. Most are poor, many are in trouble and several are hovering on the verge of viability. All feel they have been neglected by a mother country eager to shirk its imperial legacy. Indeed, in Britain's long colonial history the shabby treatment of these smallest possessions is a sad end to the remarkably peace-ful transition of the old empire

into a Commonwealth of independent nations.

With the handover of Hong Kong, there are fewer than 200,000 people in all the remaining territories. None is likely to demand independence, yet most are unhappy with their present status. With neither full integration into Britain nor real representative

self-government, they are in a curious constitutional limbo. They rely on Britain for aid. defence and foreign affairs. But while successive Whitehall governments have tried to

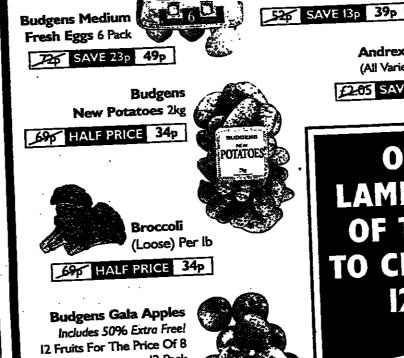
broaden internal self-government, the British governors, in the end, have the final say.

ing from the volcanic northerly of the Leeward Islands; the Turks and Caicos Islands, part of the Bahamas chain; the Cayman Islands, an offshore banking centre with a per capital income of \$28,500 (£17,800); and the British Virgin islands.

Two territories are virtually uninhabited: the Indian Ocean Territory, which is now important as a naval base for the Americans at Diego Gar-cia; and British Antarctic Territory, comprising 656,000 square miles inhabited by only 70 researchers. In South Atlantic are also the Falkland Islands, with a population of only 2,100 but an enormous income from fish licensing and a likely bonanza from offshore oil. In addition there is St. Helena, suffering high unemployment. Gibraltar is the only territory in Europe, a tiny peninsula of 2.5 square

miles with a population of 30.000... Finally there is Pitcairn. isolated in the South Pacific and famously settled by Bounty mutineers. With a popula-tion down to 57, it has problems from intermarriage. Unlike France, which gives its overseas territories parlia-

mentary representation and metropolitan standards of social security, Britain does not guarantee a British standard of living. Some territories -Bermuda and the Falklands are doing well; others, such as St Helena, are desperately



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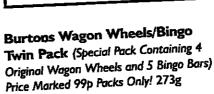
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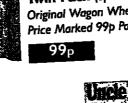
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The mysteries

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CLARE TOMKINS, who is seriously ill with new-style

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, has been a vegetarian since

1985. The first case of BSE was diagnosed in 1986, but since

the incubation period for BSE is at least five years, a

certain number of people may have been infected in the

late Seventies and early Eighties. CJD is likely to have a

before and after any epidemic, but their number does not help to predict its

long incubation period, of 20 to 30 years, judging by comparisons made with similar prion transmitted diseases. There will be occasional cases

Professor John Collinge of St Mary's Hospital, London, said that it is difficult to

forecast how many people will develop CJD. It could be a few hundred, but it might be hundreds of thousands. About half the population has the genetic make-up which

could make them vulnerable

been confirmed so far

is confirmed, it could be

because the disease has a

different dietary habits.

Professor Collinge said:

Research so far does not

support difference in diet in

different age groups as the explanation for the number

It is also unknown

whether people fall prey because of the overall

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material eaten, or whether a

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large single dose sufficient to induce an infection.

of young people with new-style

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shorter incubation period in

to CJD. The few cases that have

suggest that young people may be more susceptible. If this

that still





Dr Thomas Stuttaford on compulsive disorders in the young; research into CJD; high blood pressure; treating children with HIV; and more good news for drinkers

# When an obsession takes over

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their lives

Atlantic have been treating children, quite legitimately. with Prozac for several years. It is a safer drug, and quite as effective, as the older anti-depressants. They cannot understand why there has been a furore in the lay press about its

Faverin, fluvoxamine maleate, is, like Prozac, a 5HT reuptake inhibitor. It was given FDA clearance for the treatment of obsessive com-

pulsive disorders (OCD) in children and adolescents in March this year. Many people are as un-aware of the increasing

number of children who are showing signs of depressive illnesses, as they are unconscious of the number of juveniles who have OCD. and they are therefore untreated. In younger children this may be because parents do not know of the condition, whereas older children and adolescents deliberately hide their

disturbed behaviour. This concealment is, in itself, very tiring and can make the child's behaviour even more abnormal.

The extent of the problem became obvious in America only after adolescents, and their parents, started to describe symptoms on the Internet. Surveys have put the incidence of OCD in children at at least the same level as childhood diabetes. Before patients started, very bravely, to publicise their obsessional fears, each thought they were alone with their anxieties and ensuing compulsions.

from "germs" and hence serious ill- morning in the shower.

ness, fear of intruders, a fixation about lucky and unlucky numbers, and unreasonable doubts about their abilities. The most common compulsions are extravagant handwashing and cleansing rituals, a compelling desire to check, question, arrange, organise and hoard and a variety of touching rituals whether of railings, pavements or doorknobs.

Patients with OCD, including children, are by nature perfectionists and inflexible, so that they often fail to complete the tasks they set out to achieve. They Time are hyperconscientious, obsessively preoccupied with consuming

detail, are prepared to sacrifice leisure and friendships in pursuit of a goal, and too often allow their lives to be ruled by schedules and lists. Their strict rules of behaviour can erode spontaneous generosity of the spirit, and limit instinctive demonstrations of affection. The timeconsuming rituals can dominate patients' lives and reduce

their efficiency and pleasure. Doctors and patients need to decide when a behaviour pattern becomes abnormal. A criterion is whether or not the compulsion interferes with normal life. It would not be thought abnormal, for instance, for a woman to insist on washing her hands before every meal. or for her 16-year-old daughter to spend 20 minutes a day washing her hair, but it would be considered abnormal if her husband felt compelled to wash his hands exactly 100 times a day, thereby making them red and raw, or if another child was The most common obsessions in invariably late for school as he had to children are fear of contamination soap himself 63 times precisely each

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We all carry out checks before we go out, and sometimes more than once we make certain that the gas and electricity are turned off. If we did this several their troubles. times even though the room was in darkness and the gas fire was not

might leave water, electricity or gas on that they become housebound. Distinction, too, has to be made between children who play a game of having to touch every alternate railing. or avoid the cracks between the pavement stones, and those who genuinely expect some terrible disaster if they do not carry out a complicated pavement ritual.

alight, this would be abnormal. Some

people are so frightened that they

It is not easy to rid children and ics of their problem.

adolescents of time-consuming ritualistic behaviour, but the first step is to assure them that they are not alone in

Juveniles benefit from psychotherapy, which will also help parents and the school to understand the problem. Drug treatment is an important part of therapy, particularly as some children may not respond to behaviour therapy because they may not be sophisticated enough to understand the pressures which may have brought on the OCD. Conversely, a serotonin reuptake in-hibitor (SSRI) such as Faverin, has been shown to relieve effectively many children's distress, even though they haven't understood the psychodynam-

New hope for

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THERE has been little

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Dr Gareth Tudor-

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# Exciting new drug stops the pulse racing

sure, and this proportion in-creases in older age groups. So ney damage or the interferthe arrival of a new drug. Physiotens (moxonidine), which combats the condition in a new way, is bound to excite interest.

Physiotens is also free of the troublesome side-effects which include impotence, cold hands and feet, and the possible triggering of attacks of asthma or gout - of existing

Hypertension, or raised blood pressure, is more common in men than women. It sometimes shows no symptoms in its early stages, and damage can be done without people being aware that their blood pressure is up. If left untreated, it can lead to a heart attack, heart failure or stroke, it can damage the kidneys or affect the retina at the back of the eye.

in the past 30 years treatment, and prevention, of high blood pressure regardless of a person's age has been one of the most important objectives of good general practice. Usu-

s many as one in five ally no single cause is found, people over the age of although occasionally it can be shown to be the result of a hormonal abnormality, kidkidneys.

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more likely to smoke, take little exercise and be prone to non-insulin-dependent diabetes. The same features are found in someone whose sympathetic nervous system which controls many of the body's

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This overdrive can result in constriction of the peripheral arteries, high blood pressure, enlargement of the heart, raised cholesterol, platelets

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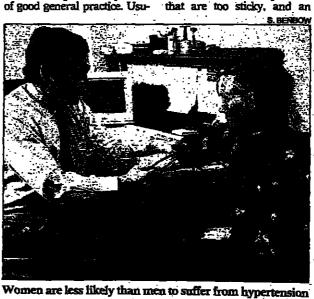
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do not attempt to influence the con-Physiotens troi centre in the brain stem, which regulates it. It is a bit like a building 🐒 whose temperature can be controlled only by opening the windows, rather than by adjusting the central

impotence Physiotens, by contrast, acts centrally. As well as lowering blood pressure, the drug improves other conditions caused by sympathetic overdrive, and

reduces insulin resistance. Clinical data about Physiotens was presented to the European Society of Cardiology in Stockholm earlier this week. Research has shown that, whereas the most commonly used hypotensive drug combinations make diabetes more likely. Physiotens, by contrast, actually reduces inci-

dence of the disorder. Most people are unlikely to be aware of the concept of insulin resistance, sympathetic overdrive and their links to heart failure, hypertension, renal damage and non-insu-lin-dependent diabetes. But they might well be attracted to Physiotens once they learn about its lack of effect on peripheral blood vessels - this means that, while taking the treatment, they can enjoy a better sex life, may suffer less from baldness and have warmer extremities than they did with their previous pills.



THE BENEFIT to the coronary arteries of drinking two to four standard glasses of wine a day, or its alcoholic equivalent, is now becoming generally accepted. Hitherto, there has not been the same amount of evidence to support the value of taking a daily drink in retaining a free flow of blood to the limbs.

Many patients with cardiovascular disease suffer from intermittent claudication: this is the technical term for the gripping, stitch-like pain which affects the lower limb when a person takes exercise. Characteristically, the pain goes very quickly once a person is at rest; the pain usually affects the calves, but can involve the thighs or even, rarely, the buttocks.

weather. They may then be observed pattsing at regular intervals as they walk down the street, apparently preoccupied with the goods in the shop windows, whereas they are in fact only waiting for the pain in their legs to disappear before they resume their walk. Researchers in America

have studied case histories of 22,000 male doctors: The good news for doctors, and their patients, is that a modest daily intake of alcohol halves the risk of developing intermittent claudication. To be effective the drinks must be taken regularly, those doctors who only had a drink before their Sunday lunch, or at some other single point in the week, had as much intermittent

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Knocking on the pontiff's door

In his first interview after his near fatal heart disease, Bob Dylan looks forward to meeting the Pope. Tunku Varadarajan reports

King is dead. Its since his 1990 album, Under official. Bob Dylan has said so. the Red Sky. The creative In the first interview since his "never-ending tour" was derailed last May by histoplasmosis, a potentially fatal heart disease, causing him to cancel concerts in Britain and Ireland, Dylan joked blackly with an interlocutor from USA Today about his brush with the afterlife: "I really thought

I'd be seeing Elvis soon.
I was off my feet for six weeks. I was unable to walk around. When I got out of hospital, I could hardly walk around my yard. I had to stay in bed and sleep all the time. I guess it's a slow process of recuperation. There's no way to flush it out. It leaves on its

But the histoplasmosis did at last leave, and the 56-yearold singer did not see Elvis. Instead, he will shortly be seeing another great man, the Pope. The Vatican has announced that he will perform before the pontiff on Septem-ber 27 at the World Eucharist Congress in Bologna. The opaque nature of Dylan's response will not disappoint the legions who still crave for cryptic crumbs from the singer's table: The Pope, huh? I uess if the Vatican is report-

ing it, it must be happening. Monsignor Ernesto Vecchi. head of the organisational committee of the Bologna gig. said: "I believe Bob Dylan has recently moved towards Christianity." Dylan, in fact, has recently moved away from the faith, having embraced it in the late Seventies and early

His explicit Bible-thumping phase, which gave rise to such musical duds as Saved, has now been quietly filed away in the archives. Dylan today embraces a looser, more secular other-worldliness, far removed from the time when hesang such lines as "Man gave names to all the animals", which had all but die hard fans reaching for brown paper bags. His Christianity, for them, had a truly awkward flavour. Allied to no particular church or sect, it was nonetheless the sort of fundamentalist anti-Darwin stuff more suited to a rural Mississippi church than to the author of Blowin'

But Dylan had recovered ly from his evangelical virus when he was struck down in May by histoplasmo-sis, a fungal condition that inflames the heart's protective sac. At the time of his illness. he had been firmly on the old road again — inventive, inco-herent and oddly demotic. His 41st album, Time Out of

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lvis Presley hotheads was rushed to hospital, and of thing. You can feel it rather should bury their contains almost the first fresh material composed by Dylan process has clearly been a tortuous one: Up until I was sick. I was putting songs on. taking songs off," he says. "I didn't know what picture it was forming. When I got sick. I had to let it all go. I spent a lot of time making it, but I haven't stally heard it in a few really heard it in a few

> But will the album be any good? Does it matter? Does anyone judge Dylan any more? The answer to all three questions could easily be a simple "no". Early "pirate reviews" on the Internet show some critics underwhelmed, their enthusiasm sparked more by the concept of a new Dylan recording than by its content. There are 12 new songs, with such promising titles — redolent of the "old" Dylan - as Dirt Road Blues.



The Pope: Bologna concert

The Pope, huh? I guess if the Vatican is reporting it, it must be happening'

Not Dark Yet, Standing in the Doorway and Till I Fell in Love With You.

Critics complain, however, that Dylan is inaudible; that (most woundingly) his songs have no fire in their belly, that the tracks are overloaded with too many accompanying musicians. There w be some truth in the last allegation, as Time Out of Mind features Jim Dickinson, Augie Myers, Duke Robillard

and Cyndie Cashdollar. Why? Dylan himself has sought to explain the clutter: "It's defiinstead of a poetic literary type

Hmmm. That's sad: the purest joy of Dylan is to think about the man's words, his encryptions, his double meanings, his argot, his chiaroscuro. But still - the man himself is back. Better, fitter, leaner, he has blitzed America since his discharge from hospital after six weeks in bed. Since his comeback concert earlier this month when he played for two hours at the Loon Mountain Ski Resort at Lincoln, New Hampshire, he has performed 16 times at venues

across the country. Dylan, in fact, has been on thrilling "live" form. So much so that the "fans' telegraph" is humming with the belief that he has recovered those entertainer's skills which he misplaced on the road somewhere in the late Seventies.

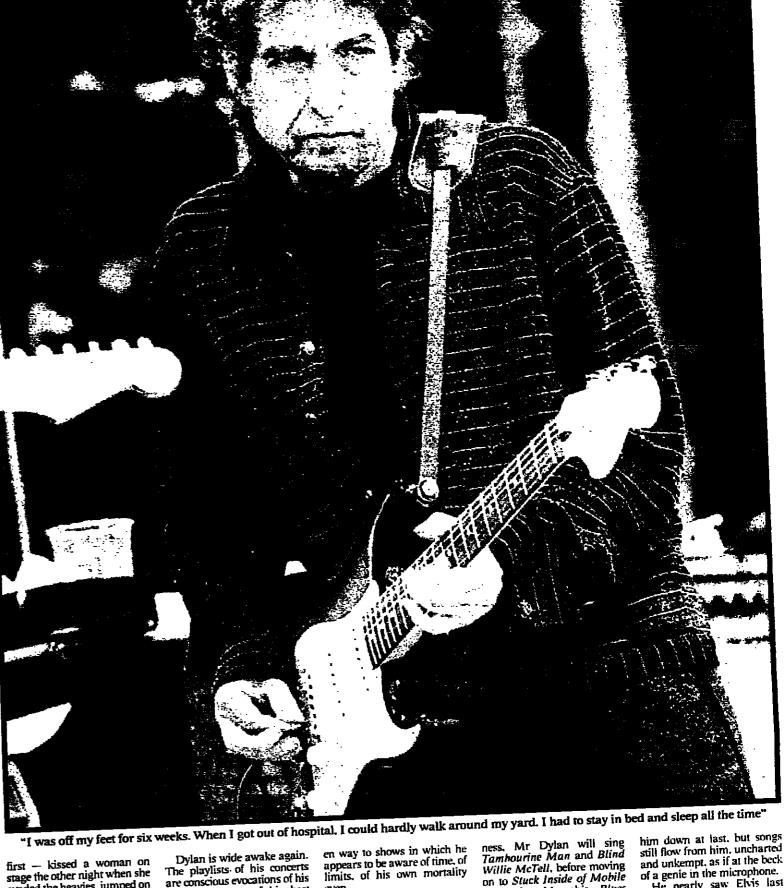
Dylan's has been a singular life, of course. How many popular musicians can claim to have been suggested for the Nobel Prize for Literature, as Dylan was last year by a group of American professors? Wislawa Szymborska, the Polish poetess, won in the end, and is clearly a deserving laureate. But Dylan would not have been an unworthy

eavyweight academics have been unstinting in their admiration. The scholar and critic Christopher Ricks has compared him with William Shakespeare, drawing parallels in his lectures between Measure for Measure and the song Seven Curses. Ricks, Professor of English at Boston University, has gone so far as to say that no one alive uses words better than Dylan does.

Frank Kermode, the distinguished Cambridge scholar, has also described Dylan's songs as "poems": "His poems have to be open, empty, inviting collusion. To write thus is to practise a very modern art." In fact, Dylan himself is in no doubt that he is a poet:
"I'm a poet/I know it/ Hope I don't blow it."

He hasn't blown it, although he has come very close on a number of occasions. He has changed too often, and too often the change has been a wrench, not evolution. Fans have rightly been able to throw his words back at him: "You used to ride on the chrome horse with/ your diplomat/ Who carried on his shoulder a Siamese cat/ Ain't it hard when you discover that/ He really wasn't where

it's at ... But now his phrasing is clear. He smiles. He sings 15 nitely a performance record songs or more, with encores to match. He even—and this is a reaching for their obituaries.



evaded the heavies, jumped on are conscious evocations of his stage, and danced close to Dylan during a rumbustious version of Leopard Skin Pillbox Har. All this is a punishing schedule for a man whose heart put him into hospital. sending editors everywhere

earliest albums, of his best music. It is as if his knock on death's gate has reawakened a dormant connection to his finest hours. The lax, meandering performances of old, once thoughtlessly inflicted on long-suffering fans, have giv-

been physically intimate. "I

buried in Bourne-

mouth. Claire went to

Russia as a govern-ess, lived in Vienna, Dresden and London.

and finally retired to

Florence, where she

died in genteel pover-

ty in 1879 surviving

Mary by nearly three

decades, and alleged-

ly keeping Shelley's

The Pope wants to hear Boh Dylan. Hats off to the Pope. But let his clutch of monsignors not attempt to assemble a programme beforehand. It would be a catastrophic idea for them to say: "Your Holi-

on to Stuck Inside of Mobile

from his latest album." way. Mercurial to the last, his spirit is unconstant. His failing health may have slowed

and unkempt, as if at the beck of a genie in the microphone. He nearly saw Elvis last Again, with perhaps an encore month. He will see the Pope next month. Who will he see Dylan does not work that after that? Himself in a mirror, perhaps, older than he used to be when he was "younger than that now"?

# Mind, was recorded before he Love, hate and Mary Shelley

Keats-Shelley Memoriai House in the heart of Rome, two Englishwomen who spent their lives yoked in a love-bate relationship gaze at each other eternally from opposite walls: Mary Shelley, author of Frankenstein and wife of the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, and Claire Clairmont, Mary's stepsister, the mistress of Lord Byron and

possibly of Shelley as well. Many of the visitors who make for the pink three-storey house at the foot of the Spanish Steps ignore Mary and Claire - or wonder who they are. They focus instead on the three great male poets whose memorabilia is displayed in the rooms: Shelley, Kears and Byron.

But a third Englishwoman, Catherine Payling, is bringing Mary and Claire "out of the shadows and into the light". They are the subject of a major exhibition mounted by Payling, the museum's new director, to mark the bicentenary of Mary's birth on

You would be astonished how many people ask me who Mary Shelley was," she says.

A major exhibition in Rome celebrates the turbulent life of Frankenstein's creator. Richard Owen reports

They've heard of Frankenstein, but not of her. You wonder who people think did write it - some Hollywood screen-writer, perhaps.

A Newcastle girl, Payling, 31, worked for a year at the Maritime Museum at Greenwich after graduating from Oxford, then spent three years learning accountancy in the City. She became number two in the finance department of the Royal Opera House,then transferred to the Royal Phil-

harmonic Orchestra.

When she applied for the Rome job, she thought she would be "either a highly appropriate candidate or a highly inappropriate one, I wasn't sure which". It was her studies in English literature at Wadham College that drew her to the Romantic poets, and to Frankenstein, which she still finds "very powerful". The novel "bursts with ideas about humanity overreaching itself by playing God. It's also about taking responsibility for one's actions, which Victor

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Frankenstein as a scientist

fails to do." Mary Shelley took many of her ideas from her parents: her mother was Mary Wollstonecraft, author of Vindication of the Rights of Woman. while Godwin was author of the libertarian Inquiry Concerning Political Justice.

Claire published very little, but was a prolific letter-writer and kept a journal, touched with malice

The great unanswered question is whether Shelley and Claire were lovers. From the beginning. all three were inseparable. Both girls were 16 when they encountered the 22-year-old Shelley, who had come to see Godwin, whose libertarian ideas he fervently ad-

mired. He fell head over heels in love with Mary, an "English Rose". But Claire, the dark-eyed daughter by a previous relationship of Godwin's with the mysterious Mrs Clairmont, was also "bowled over by this fiery young man full of revolutionary Godwinian ideas". Payling notes. Everywhere Shelley and Mary went, Claire went too.

Shelley was already married, but in 1814 he eloped with Mary to the Continent and Claire came, too. Shelley's first wife Harriet subsequently drowned herself in the Scrpentine, Back in Eng-land, Claire detached herself from her sister and Shelley long enough to embark on an affair with Byron, by whom she had a child, Allegra.

am struck by letters in which Shelley writes to Claire about making arrangements but deliberately excludes his wife." Mary and Shelley were She says: "I find their lives married in 1816, and they, terribly sad. On the other Claire and Byron all went to hand, they had real compen-Lake Geneva. But Byron soon sations in that brief time with tired of Claire, and she returned to the menage a trois

Shelley and Byron between 1814 and 1822. After all when with Mary and Shelley. As the Shelley drowned, Mary was archives in Rome show, the still only 25, and Claire 24." sisters remained close, but The rest was duller. Mary they also drove each other up returned to Kentish Town, writing books and creating the Shelley legend by overseeing publication of his collected poems. She died in 1851 and is



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ley and Claire were a bit too

dose have prompted this out-

burst? Mary was often preg-

nant: she had four children by

Shelley. She also had numer-

ous miscarriages. Meanwhile.

Claire and Shelley spent a

great deal of time together.

including a long trip to Ven-

ice. It was then Payling be-

love letters under lock the wall. As Payling remarks: and key. Claire never married, alleg-"I'm afraid it's the old adage edly because of Byron, saying about two being company and her passion for him had three being a crowd." In her middle age, Mary even wrote wasted and ruined my heart as if it had been scorched by a of Claire Now. I would not thousand lightnings . . . I was go to Paradise with her for a the victim of a happy passion companion. She poisoned my which, like all things perfect life when young, and still has in its kind, was fleeting. Mine the faculty of making me lasted only ten minutes, but more uncomfortable than any those ten minutes have dis-Could a suspicion that Shel-

composed the rest of my life". "And this is how I prefer to think of them." says Catherine, "not feuding in old age, but writing, creating, inspir ing. Mary as the pretty English rose, and Claire the darkeyed Southern beauty whose irresistible air of sexual availability swept Byron off his feet. If only for ten minutes."

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# The Nordic race and its rejects

Forced sterilisation did not end

with Hitler, says Roger Boyes

The quest for racial purity, whether it be at the hands of concentration camp doctors such as Josef Mengele, or the barbaric militia men of the Balkan killing fields, is fundamentally evil. No doctrine, no amount of commitment to social engineering, can justify it. We. as a mixed island race, a stew of nations, understand this better

Revelations from Scandinavia about the scope of compulsory sterilisation suggest. however, that the fantasy of a perfect racial stereotype is not confined to totalitarian societies. Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland - all regarded as models of postwar democracy - selected mental-ly ill or racially "inferior" women for compulsory

sterilisation for years. The movement began after the First World War and it is shocking to be reminded how widely accepted were some of the basic precepts of Nazi racial ideology. In Switzer-land, the French-speaking canton of Vaud sterilised the mentally handicapped under a 1928 law which later served as a model for Nazi Germany's own 1933 legislation for the

protection of hereditary health". As in Scandinavia, the Swiss sterilisation continned well into the Second World War. Typically, one young woman, two months pregnant, was recommended for sterilisation in 1944 because she was \*feeble-mind-

ed. morally weak. idiotic and promiscuous". sterilisation law also predated that of the Third Reich. These countries stopped short of the Nazi practice of euthanasia. Even Hitler realised that this would trigger outrage and swaddled his plans in secrecy. How, after the discrediting of Nazi eugenics, could compulsory sterilisation of the

racially and socially "inferior" be continued in the developed world? Arguments have been advanced for some kind of mass sterilisation in the overpopulated Third World. But even there, sterilisation stumbled quickly against the limits of public acceptance. India's programme of the 1970s was a conspicuous failure. Now it concentrates on better primary healthcare and better distribution of contraceptives.

The social welfare states of northern Europe were not faced with such problems of overpopulation. Their postwar sterilisation programmes were guided rather by a kind of arrogance that the ruling Social Democrats knew best how Swedes, Danes or Norwegians should look and how they should behave. The Danish author Peter Hoeg, in his novel Borderliners, captures the sense of enveloping secrecy in his country's children's hostels, where those who did not lit into convenient patterns were dumped and "social-

The welfare state system. when it was as complete and thorough as those in Scandinavia, could always find methods of facit coercion. Hospitals in Sweden refused abortions to women who were not willing to be sterilised. Swedish housing workers were told to list tenants who were unsuitable for procreation. This, in the 1960s and 1970s, when Sweden was offering asylum to Vietnam draft dodgers, puffing on marijuana joints and presenting itself as a standard-bearer of freedom. Borstal boys were sterilised before going to summer work camps, lest they fer-tilise socially acceptable farm girls. Maciej Zaremba, the journalist who has just uncovered the scope of the sterilisation programme, has

identified a woman who was

sterilised for having poor eye-

Most damning of all was the Swedish Government's willingness to sterilise women because they did not conform to the Aryan image of blonde hair and blue eyes; women with "gypsy" features were put up for the operation. Compulsory sterilisation did not end until 1976. Altogether, 60,000 Swedish men and women were made infertile. 2.000 Norwegians, 6.000 Danes and thousands more in France, Belgium and Switzerland Many of the victims can now be expected to claim compen-

Remarkably, none of Sweden's Social Democratic thinkers seem to have seen any-**Politicians** thing very wrong in felt they selection or racial "improvement". knew how The Nobel Prize Swedes, winners Alva and Gunnar Myrdal Danes or sympathised with the project and the

Norwegians

most influential should look head of the Institute for Racial Biology Denmark's after the war. Herman Lundborg, was a convinced Social Democrat, not a crypto-Nazi. Yet his classifications, appearing again and again in his books, were starkly racialist in tone. His photographic captions included: woman of low social status ... racially

mixed ... she was marked down for sterilisation. And: vagrant man with feminine characteristics. The Nazi cataloguers used almost identical

🖰 candinavia has never been immune from racism and Denmark, perhaps out of a misguided sense of tolerance, plays host to neo-Nazi activists banned from Germany. But the root problem has nothing to do with nostalgia for Hitler. Rather, it is about ethical confusion,

about how science can be used to smooth the way towards a perfectable society.

In an era of genetically enhanced tomatoes and cloned sheep, it is worth studying the theories which underpinned such sterilisation programmes. And if there is one lesson from the grisly experiences of northern Europe, it is that controls should be tightened on welfare state administrators. Too much power was vested in doctors, orphanage directors, social case officers and probation officials.

The label "New Totalitarians" was once applied to the Swedes. That was a caricature of an essentially benign and generous society which has, in any case, relaxed over the years. But risks still lurk, there and here.

# The Prime Minister can handle his party; the real challenge is policy, says Peter Riddell

Tony Blair will start the second phase of his premiership when he returns to Downing Street this morning. The euphoric, Tellon-coated phase is now over. Mr Blair will have to start delivering on the promises made, and reviews

launched, before the holidays.
Little that has happened during
August will have any lasting importance: it seldom does. Many holidaymakers could easily have muddled the activities of Peter Mandelson and Dodi Fayed. The Millennium Dome sounds a Fayed type of project and Mr Mandelson enjoys the social whirl. But however much the silly headlines of August are discounted, the spell has been broken. After three months when nothing seemed to go wrong, the Government has begun to make slips and, no less important, has started to face media criticism like its predecessors.

None of this means that the public is yet disillusioned with the Blair Government. The latest MORI poli in The Times today, showing a threepoint fall in Labour support to 54 per cent, is really just a return to political reality. Labour has a much bigger poll lead than any new administration in recent history. Mr Blair himself continues to enjoy stratospheric personal ratings, far higher than Margaret Thatcher ever had. The public still has faith in the Government. That is the rub for Mr Blair. He knows the public's expectations are high - possibly too high. In that respect, the message from Downing Street on Tuesday that Mr Blair will concentrate on the "big picture" - the priorities of education. health and devolution — is not just

Blair comes back to work — and to earth

public relations guff, though it is certainly that. His fate will be determined by these central issues rather than the August trivia. The lesson of such squalls is that Ministers need to sharpen up decisionmaking to avoid the problems such as those over tuition fees for students taking a gap-year. This should mean more emphasis on deliberation, rather than the current muxture of overcentralisation and leaking.

Top of Mr Blair's agenda will, as always, be the economy. In retrospect, the most important news in August may turn out to have been the further rise in interest rates and evidence of a consumer and housing boom. The question is whether the economy will slow down rather than slide sharply into recession next year. Downing Street policymakers are already nervous about the warnings from business of the impact of the strong pound on exports. However, having set out his strategy in the Budget, Gordon Brown has ruled out any further action this autumn. The next major statement is due in the spring Budget. Until then, the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee will be responsible for steering the economy, and its priority is

proving its anti-inflation credentials. So all the Government can do is watch, nervously.

Before he flew off to Cape Cod, the Chancellor said his main focus this autumn would be the comprehensive spending review to re-examine priorities within, and between, departments. This will show how far it is possible to find savings to fund improvements in health, education and other favoured services without raising personal taxes.

o far, the Government has relied on one-off wheezes such as the windfall tax on the utilities and a £1 billion raid on the National Lottery. But these do not provide a long-term answer and, as the Liberal Democrats have pointed out, there are serious short-term pressures in both the NHS and

The key test will be welfare reform. where Mr Blair and Mr Brown hope that the extensive measures announced in the Budget to move people off the dole into training schemes and jobs will eventually result in big savings. The Government has not reached conclusions on the extent of changes to social security the tax and social benefits system and how far to return to a contributory system, as Frank Field, Minister for Welfare Reform, has urged.

A related priority is how the

Government can improve standards in schools and tackle crime and disorder, where major Bills are due this autumn. In both areas, the question is not the objectives, but how ministers can deliver. On schools. David Blunkett and Stephen Byers have set ambitious targets, but they are relying on a centralised system of monitoring and inspection. There is a reluctance to promote parental choice or competition between taxpayer-funded schools. On health, the Government has so far executed a rhetorical circle while denying that it is continuing the internal market, it has made few changes of substance:

The other big long-term item in Mr Blair's in-tray is Europe. Despite all the hype of two months ago, the Amsterdam summit solved very little. Big questions, on enlargement and the future structure of the European Union, remain unresolved, while over the next six months decisions will have to be taken on the timing and size of monetary union. Britain is

unlikely to join any single currency in 1999, but Britain, which will hold the presidency of the EU in the first half of 1998, will shortly have to decide whether to stand aside or promise to join at some future date.

r Blair's immediate priority is devolution, with the Scottish vote in a formight and the Welsh ballot a week later. The betting is still that the Government will win both, including the question on "tax-varying" powers in Scotland. But the squalid row over the affairs of the Labour Party in Paisley after the death of Gordon McMaster not only overshadowed the start of the referendum campaign, but has also raised questions about how far the party in the country has really changed. That will be tested at the party conference in five weeks, when Mr Blair seeks approval for proposals to reduce the scope for the unions and local activists to embarrass a Labour Government.

Underlying all these issues is how far Mr Blair can define a new direction. He intends what he has called the "Third Way" to be unlike the tax-and-spend record of past Labour administrations, and different also from the approach of the Thatcher and Major Governments. Mr Blair is in a much stronger political position than either his Italian or French counterparts whom he met on holiday. But they - like President Clinton across the Atlantic - face the same dilemma: how to reconcile social cohesion with a freemarket, global economy. That is Mr Blair's real "big picture".

# The Princess and our privacy

The press may need protecting more than

Diana does, argues Magnus Linklater

Do editors

want judges

to create

a piecemeal

privacy law?

doubt whether Diana. Princess of Wales, is the ideal model around whom to construct a law of privacy. Her impassioned interview with Le Monde yesterday painted a heartrending picture of a Princess at bay, victimised by a ferocious press, her life in Britain rendered intolerable by journalists. "In my position any sane person would have left long ago," she confided. "But I cannot. I have my

Moved by her story, the Foreign Secretary. Robin Cook, spoke up in her defence, paying gallant tribute to her campaigning work abroad. He had, he said, "immense admiration" for her courage. But Mr Cook, I suspect, may not have been wholly objective. He was, after all, endorsing

political supporter who had described the Tories as "hopeless". their interest in Ms Brittain was And he has had his own domestic problems with the press. His decision to leave his wife and set up home with his Commons secretary inevitably attracted the attention of the newspa-

pers. and led to snatched, albeit innocent, pictures of Mr Cook dumping his bin bags outside his home. Neither the Princess

nor the Minister are in serious need of protection, being well-versed in the ways of the media. Both are experienced in allowing information to be disseminated when it suits them. In Diana's case, this has amounted to her co-operation in an entire book presenting her side of the case against the Royal Family and her former husband, as well as her participation in the strange ritual that takes place whenever she is pursued by boatloads of the tabloid press. One is never entirely sure on these occasions who is using whom. It is, I suppose, an invasion of privacy, but a privacy of a peculiarly public nature.

A better case might be that of Victoria Brittain, The Guardian journalist who discovered that her privacy had been invaded by an MI5 surveillance operation. Intelligence officers became interested in her activities after they discovered that £250,000 had been deposited in her bank account by the former head of the Ghanaian Security Service. They suspected that the money was being laundered through Libyan intelligence. Ms Brittain's explanation was innocent, if a trifle naive. She said she had agreed to accept the deposits in her account from a long-standing Ghanaian friend who was suing another newspaper and needed someone to hold funds to meet legal expenses. Outraged by MI5's activities, Ms Brittain is now planning

It may be that MI5 broke its own surveillance rules, and, like the maverick officers once exposed by the Spycatcher, Peter Wright, who bugged and burgled their way across London', were abusing their powers. But I cannot help feeling that

> perfectly legitimate. There was, it appears, some link with a Libyan bank and even a sug-gestion — of which she says she has no knowledge - that the Libyans were paying her friend's legal fees. In those circumstances, I should have thought MI5 was almost dutybound to find out the truth.

Cases such as these expose the minefield before us in the shape of the European Convention on Human Rights, which is due to be incorporat-ed into domestic legislation, thus providing Britain with its first privacy laws. It will mean, as John Wadham, the Director of Liberty, pointed out in The Times recently, that our fundamental rights exist no longer merely in the silence of the law, but will have a key place in a new constitution. That, in itself, will not address the complexity of the privacy issue. Not only is the convention nearly 50 years old, predating the perils of the telephoto lens, it will need to be supplemented by a Bill of Rights, framed by Parliament. In the meantime it will be up to judges to reach their own interpretation of the convention. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, says they will jump at the chance and has predicted an avalanche of landmark civil rights



Diana as she wishes to be seen: hugging a dying child in Lahore

cases. There will, he says, be a judgecreated law of privacy whether we like it or not.

This, for any journalist, is a ightmare prospect. The kind of judges who will begin the process are not among the keenest of our legal minds. They will see it as a chance to curb the powers of the press and they will believe that public opinion is on their side — which it may well be. But public opinion and zealous judges do not make good law. For every ordinary citizen whose legitimate rights are protected, there will be a Robert Maxwell to take advantage of court rulings. The difficulty of framing a law which will protect the innocent, while continuing to expose the potentially guilty, has confronted

numerous commissions, committees, and Private Member's Bills from the Royal Commission on the Press in 1949 to the Calcutt Committee in 1990. The Government shrank from Calcutt's recommendation to make press intrusion a criminal offence, and opted instead to introduce a tough new Press Complaints Com-

mission (PCC). Has it worked? Journalists and editors insist that it has, citing the number of cases dealt with, the stern judgments issued, the general decline in the tally of serious complaints. They point out that there is now a tougher code of conduct which every journalist is said to carry in his wallet I have yet to meet one who does). It outlaws intrusive photography, inva-

sion of private property, identifying children and gaining entry by fraud. That, they say, provides the guide-lines within which all investigative journalism is now conducted — always recognising of course, that there is a defence of "public interest" which permits all of the above at the simple behest of an editor. That defence covers a multitude of sins. It means, for instance, that while the police have to secure approval from a High Court judge before they bug a telephone, a journalist can listen in to a call without approval, provided, of course, he can demonstrate that his story is in the public interest. And it means that anyone who becomes caught up in a socially controversial issue is considered fair game.

William Zachs, the gay father of a surrogate child in Edinburgh, took the Scortish Daily Mail to the PCC

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recently after they had broken Clause 4 (Privacy) of the code by giving details of his private life, taking pictures of his home, revealing his address and naming the child. He told me that he had grown used to smuggling his baby daughter out of the back door, but felt that naming her in public was one intrusion too far. The commission admitted that the clause had been broken, conceded that privacy had been illegitimately invaded, and said that "publication was not within the spirit of the Code But overall (their italics), it concluded, the newspaper could not be censured because it was a legitimate story in the public domain.

his kind of routine activity by newspapers, little reported and less notorious than packs of reporters pursuing Princess Diana, requires the media itself to face up to the issue. Lord Irvine recently posed the question of whether editors would prefer a law of privacy enacted by Parliament, or one created piecemeal by judges. There is no doubt of the answer. A carefully framed Bill incorporating the principles of the code of conduct, taken alongside measures that journalists want, such as a reform of the defamation laws and a Freedom of Information Act, would provide a better guarantee of press freedom than a series of rulings from the bench.

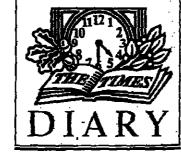
We have reached, in short, a point where the media itself, far from campaigning against a law of privacy, would be better advised to begin framing it themselves. If they do not, there is no lack of others ready and willing to do it for them.

# Dog days

John Birt. The BBC Director-General has been on the receiving end of an excoriating attack from the old bounder, who is refusing to co-operate with the corporation. This is unfortunate, as much for Clark as the Beeb, because one of the projects he is refusing to get involved in is the massive publicity drive for his own four-part history of the Conservative Party, which begins in a fortnight. The bone of contention is Clark's

summons to appear before Folkestone magistrates next Monday after an incident in which his rottweiler. Hannah, locked her jaws onto the hand of a BBC cameraman. This occurred in a confusing scrum at Clark's Saltwood Castle the day after he was selected to fight Kensington and Chelsea for the Tories.

Clark has written a typically colourful letter to Birt claiming that it is "monstrous" that he cannot prevail upon an employee to call off the lawyers and threatening to sever his relations with the BBC. Birt has remained unmoved and Clark is stubbornly refusing to do the usual rounds of interviews that



accompany a four-hour flagship series. Even Radio Times has been snubbed," says a Beeb insider. "It's so strange. By not publicising the series he is cutting off his nose to spite his face."

Clark is locked away still trying to finish the book to accompany the series and is unavailable, so we will just have to wait until after the court case to see if he softens.

Reggie recalls CHERISHED above all other memories by the convicted killer

Reggie Kray. 63, is that of eating

sandwiches on Judy Garland's din-

the Hat" McVitie, has been recalling a party at Garland's Chelsea home in the late Sixties, where the guests included the playwright Lionel Bart. "When everyone departed. Judy suggested we stay and enjoy some sandwiches and gin and tonics while we sat in the middle of the floor," Kray writes in The Stage. Of particular poignance, the murderer remembers, was Gar-land's rendition of Over the Rainbox. "My mother Violet, who died in 1983, also sang this song. I think to myself: I'm sure they're both

somewhere over the rainbow."

ing-room floor while she sang songs from The Wizard of Oz.

Kray, currently serving a 30-year

sentence for the murder of Jack

Loyal fan

A DUTCH woman called Winnifred calls to say that she is a former girlfriend of Dodi Fayed and everyone has got him all wrong. "The person behind this rich playboy image is someone to respect." she says. Dodi should be seen not so much as a member of the international jet-set with more former girlfriends than Warren Beatty, but as a gentle and kindly Samaritan. "He is a generous man and very sensitive. If he saw someone with

once saw a girl standing by herself by the road hitchhiking and he said he was just going to pick her up to make sure she was all right. Then all these other people appeared, but he took them as well. My memories of him are very positive." I am delighted to put the record straight.

 Diana. Princess of Wales, says she would have left the country ages ago if it wasn't for her sons. If she needs a hideaway within Harrods helicopter commuting distance of them she should feel at home at Balnagowan, the castle in



from the 6th Earl of Ross, who built the castle in the 14th century.

Ross-shire which Mohamed Al

Fayed bought 25 years ago and painted pink. The Princess is de-

scended, through her grandmother. Cynthia. Countess Spencer,

#### Bank role BEFORE tackling the role of

Charles de Gaulle on film the proboscidean actor Gerard Depardicu is to return to the stage for the first time in years. He is to appear in an unlikely-sounding play called Les Portes du Ciel (The Gates of Heaven), by Jacques Attali. Attali once worked as President Mitterrand's personal adviser before becoming notorious as the president of the European Bank for Reconstruction, where his enthusiasm for private jets and Venetian marble at the bank's HQ cost him his job. The play is being billed as "a poignant look at the tragedy of power".

 The business of the Fareham District Police and Community Liaison Committee may prove unusually interesting. The new chairman of the committee is one Lady Musgrave, who not only has a conviction for criminal damage, after an incident involving a lover's spent-E100,000, reveniping it, in-Land Rover, but has brought a stalling a steel staircase which had after an incident involving a lover's



Court in Strasbourg. She claims police failed to respond quickly enough to a 999 call after she had overdosed on prescription drugs.

#### Moss loss

CLEARLY more suited to Fifth Avenue than the Unbridge Road, the superwalf Kate Moss has sold her £300,000 home in Shepherd's Bush. Since buying the two-bedroom flat three years ago, she has



International Human Rights: visited it about as often as she goes to the London Library, and after altercations with her builders, who claimed in December that she owed them £23,000, Miss Moss decided to sell up and head for New

> Into her old home steps Lactitia Lewis-Maklouf, 23, actress and first-time house-buyer. Kate's made it all so beautiful, she enthuses. The only thing is that she's had an enormous free-standing bath installed in the middle of the

Tate Gallery

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#### LOUSE UPON A WHEEL

Do not make a martyr of the MI5 man who sold secrets

A former MI5 agent, David Shayler, has earned his 15 minutes of infamy with a series of allegations about the intelligence agency he once served. It reflects no credit on the security service that it ever recruited him even during a time when, quite properly, it was attempting to broaden the experience and range of its candidates. Mr Shayler had already provided ample evidence of his own untrustworthiness and unsuitability for intelligence work. It is the agency's failure to see this which will damage it most

In every other respect his revelations and criticisms are either obvious, misleading or inconsequential. There will be an understandable clamour to see him prosecuted; but the recipient of his broken confidences was a newspaper and not the KGB. Care should be taken before wielding an instrument as blunt as the law, which could as easily compound the damage done as allow an example to be made.

Mr Shayler has used his conscience as a convenient excuse for his actions. He claims to have been motivated by anger at the agency's inefficiency and determination to see it reformed. These are risible excuses for a venal action. Was the best way of bringing matters to the attention of the relevant authorities really to negotiate a deal with The Mail on Sunday? Was that the only effective way of alerting Jack Straw? Is it necessary to plan to publish a book to underline the point?

Morally, Mr. Shayler stands on the

shakiest of ground and in the most dubious of company. Legally, there is a prima facie case for prosecution under the Official Secrets Act. Prosecution may, however, be unwise. Scotland Yard has a duty to investigate but the decision on whether prosecution is in the national interest rests with the Attorney-General, John Morris. It is an awkward test for the new Government. If Mr Shayler is not pursued through the courts, a signal may be sent to other agents denied promotion that a lucrative future in publishing awaits. The unhappy con-sequences for the SAS of a stream of "inside" accounts stands as a warning. But the consequences of breaking Mr Shayler like a louse upon a wheel could be unhappier still.

The example of Sir Robert Armstrong admitting to being "economical with the truth" in an Australian courtroom during the Spycatcher trial will incline civil servants to advise against more dirty linen being washed in front of the public gallery. A court case could become a book-selling circus for Mr Shayler. It could also expose the agency's representatives to a public cross-examination which would be keenly followed in Belfast and Beirut. The deterrent effect is, in any case, probably minimal. Anyone intelligent enough to work at a senior level in MI5 will know the money to be made from betrayal. They are constrained not by the threat of the courts but duty to the realm.

Establishing that agents have a sense of duty, so conspicuously absent in Mr Shayler's case, is the job of the vetters. The appropriate method for politicians to make their views known of this verting failure is through the recently-constituted Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliament The committee's powers to call for people and papers are wide-ranging. Its members will be able to judge Mr Shavler's allegation that the agency is crippled by bureaucracy. They should be able to consider the appropriateness of monitoring subversion in the light of the real Cold War threat and the successful penetration of British institutions by fellow travellers. They should also be able to judge maturely if it is bureaucracy alone that allowed the IRA to operate on the British mainland. The available evidence suggests that answering those questions may not take too long. Time may then properly be devoted to asking how best to balance more broadly-based recruitment with a commitment to confidentiality.

#### **UNCONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT**

A Korean joker to bolster a weak American hand

Jang Seung Gil, North Korea's ambassador to Egypt, is not the most senior member of the regime to have defected. Formally, he is outranked by Hwang Jang Yop, the veteran ideologue and "number 24" in the party hierarchy who is now mystifying debriefers in Seoul. But in terms of the current intelligence likely to be in his possession. Mr Jang is by far the most important source ever to escape to America.

Mr Hwang is now thought to have been marginalised from the regime's inner circles for some years. Mr Jang, by contrast, was not only close to Kim Jong II by virtue of his marriage to one of the "dear leader's" the most internationally sensitive area of North Korean policy, its secretive exports of ballistic missiles to the Middle East.

Mr Jang was vice-foreign minister in charge of the Middle East before becoming ambassador to the country which North Korea has made its headquarters in the region. He may not be able to shed much light on the reasons for Kim Jong Il's mysterious failure, more than three years after his father's death, to be named to the positions of President and chairman of the ruling Workers Party. But on the proliferation of these extremely destabilising weapons and weapons technologies, of which North Korea is believed by the CIA to be the key supplier to Iran, Libya, Iraq and Syria as well as Egypt, he should possess detailed information of great strategic importance.

The Clinton Administration might have been expected to be pleased by this. Instead, in a now traditional attempt to save one of the world's ugliest faces, it stressed that Washington read into this defection no symptoms of political disarray in Pyongyang. There was, the State Department insisted, no reason why it should stop either of two scheduled sets of negotiations, on missile proliferation and the four-party Korean peace talks.

Not for the first time, America received no reward for its care. North Korea pulled out

of the missile talks yesterday as they were about to start - and, in an added gesture of defiance, announced that it was withdrawing from the UN Covenant on Civil and Political Rights following criticism of its practice of detaining huge numbers of its people in concentration camps.

The first decision should be read as confirmation that Mr Jane is in a position to furnish the US with evidence that North Korea has no intention of facing. The second bit of political theatre is consistent with North Korea's truculent attitude to the contacts with the outside world forced upon it by economic crisis and life-threatening food shortages. On past form, the US will shrug, keep trying for peace talks and keep food aid flowing despite North Korea's refusal to permit proper foreign monitoring of what happens to it.

Pyongyang gets away with conduct that would not be tolerated in others for one reason - the threat this unpredictable regime poses to security in Asia. US policy is dominated by two fears — of a nuclear-armed North Korea, and of an Armageddon staged by rulers who, sensing their grip on power weakened by domestic disaster, could plunge the peninsula into war. North Korea understands this perfectly and tweaks US and South Korean nerves. Military parades pledge loyalty to the regime "in the spirit of human bombs and suicidal attack": military pinpricks punctuate each insincere nod in the direction of talks. With menaces it demands food aid: and by feeding the starving, the West frees funds for North Korea to spend on developing a new 3,500kilometre range missile, the Taepodong, to

add to the arsenal sold to the West's enemies. The one gain is the halting of nuclear proliferation if, as the US believes, North Korea is keeping the bargain so expensively struck by the West. But Washington must hope that Mr Jang can help it check the ballistic missiles programme as well; for it is these weapons above all that make North Korea the most dangerous country on earth.

#### UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY

Libya is still best left to the lion and the lizard

Libya scarcely flaunts itself as a holiday destination. Jealously governed by a dictatorship, subject to UN sanctions and with all diplomatic links severed with the West, it is a notorious sponsor of international terrorism. Yet this pariah state is now investigating possibilities of opening up its borders to tourism. A London firm of consultants has been approached for advice.

Its classical ruins and desert landscapes are an archaeologist's delight, from the magnificent Roman remains at Leptis Magna and Sabratha to the imposing Greek sites at Cyrenia and Apollonia. These have been protected from erosion by long entombment in dry desert sands and are, as yet, unravaged by the tourist trade. Indeed, many ruins have only recently been discovcred. The Roman villa at Silene, for instance, was excavated a mere ten years ago.

Even more ancient are the wondrous cave paintings of the Acacus mountains thought to be some 10,000 years old - and more abundant and more lovely even than the murals which millions of film goers admired in The English Patient. Anthony Minghella's hit has whetted the taste for 

desert lands. But cultural travellers should be aware that Libya is an inhospitable state.

Visas can take several months to obtain. Travel between sites can take many days. Internal flights are not advisable; embargoes on the import of spare aircraft parts make the national airline untrustworthy. And in medical or other emergencies, getting out of Libya quickly is extremely difficult. UN sanctions prohibit any international flights.

Colonel Gaddafi. long indifferent to world opinion, is seeking to diversify the oil-based economy of his country. But it will take radical changes in the political climate before the average sun-seeker is basking along Libya's Mediterranean coastline. This is a restrictive state. Harsh penalties are imposed on those drinking alcohol, dressing too scantily or wielding a camera injud-

iciously. Those who yearn to see Libya's cultural heritage should be parient. All but the most desperate or determined should wait another few years before they visit. The duration of the current regime is as nothing compared to the antiquity of these sites.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# for Government

From Mr David Taylor

Sir. The confusion which continues to characterise the British Government's handling of the Montserrat situation (leading articles, August 21, 25) is sadly a reflection of the extent to which the small remaining Caribbean Dependent Territories have become marginalised in government planning and thinking. They only become of concern to British governments of both parties when they cause embarrassment to ministers. For the rest of the time they are neither very well run nor very well resourced.

I was Governor of Montserrat from 1990 to 1993. The people of Montserrat, like those of the other Caribbean Dependent Territories, have wished to remain British partly because their island is of doubtful viability as an independent unit but also because they recognise the limitations of their own elected Government and they look, not unreasonably, to the British Government to be particularly focused, generous and concerned in its assistance to them in time of trial.

In the event the Montserratians do not seem to have been well served either by their own Government or ours. Their own Government has over the two years since the volcano began to erupt been indecisive and vacillating in exercising the large measure of responsibility devolved to it since the 1960s. Both Governments seem to have had difficulty in deciding whether they are dealing with a shortterm emergency or a long-develop-ment problem, producing inevitable delays in the delivery of aid.

The Montserratian politicians have been reluctant to recognise that they may have to abandon their fieldom while the British Government has been reluctant to impose its will by, for example, suspending the Constitution to speed up the decision-making process. Alas, it seems to have needed the deaths in June (report, "Volcano islanders fear new eruption as toll rises to 23", June 30) to bring home both the gravity and urgency of the situation

The division of responsibility be-tween the newly named Department for International Development and the Foreign Office since May has not helped, and the interdepartmental group (report, August 26) should have been set up long ago by the previous Government (as was done for the rehabilitation of the Falklands, in which I was also involved). It is hardly surprising that Montserrat's third Chief Minister in two years, David Brandt, a highly political and able man, should make the demands which Clare Short finds so unrealistic. It took the Falklands War to change 150 years of benign neglect there.

If Montserrat is to continue as a community it can scarcely do so without an airport, adequate and safe medical services, sufficient good hous ing and supporting infrastructure. If the island has to be abandoned, then the response by way of funds for travel and resettlement must also be

Montserrat has been a lesson in dependent territories administration which this new Government would do well to take seriously.

D. G. P. TAYLOR (Chief Executive, Falkland Islands Government, 1983-87 and 1988-89). 53 Lillian Road, Barnes, SW13. August 26.

#### Mir words

From Mr P. B. Soul

Sir, Asserting that an object in orbit is "essentially weightless", Mr M. R. Carter (lener, August 20) challenges the use of "weight" for "mass" in a report about Mir (August 15).

My guess is that your reporter chose the word weight to suit a general rather than scientific readership - not everyone appreciates the precise meaning of mass lie. the amount of matter in an object).

In fact a spacecraft in orbit is far from weightless, for it is weight lie, the force of gravity on it) that keeps it there and prevents it from literally flying off at a tangent into space.

The same applies to astronauts of

course. The reason they feel weightless is simply that nothing is physically supporting their weight. Like Mir itself they are falling freely, but around the Earth instead of towards

PETER SOUL 51 Lakeside. Earley, Reading, Berkshire. August 21.

Yours faithfully.

#### Musical desert?

From Mr Robert Ellerby

Sir, Be Here Now? I was there then, when in the same space of time as Oasis have taken to produce three, The Beatles had released seven quality albums. D'You Know What I

Yours faithfully. ROBERT ELLERBY. 27 Manor Road. Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. August 23.

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#### Montserrat lesson MI5 surveillance and need to review secret service role

From the Director of Liberty

Sir. The surveillance by MI5 of Jack Straw, now the Home Secretary, and of Peter Mandelson and others in the 1970s raises real concerns freports. August 25, 20). Liberty, then the National Council for Civil Liberties, was subject to similar surveillance by M15, as you also reported, and as a result of our complaint to the European Commission on Human Rights on behalf of Patricia Hewitt and Harriet Harman, the Government brought forward the Security Service Act 1989 which imposed the first elements of legal control over M15.

Although the above examples are from some time ago both the controls in the 1989 Act and those in the subsequent legislation remain inadequate. The committee of parliamentarians set up to oversee all the secret services is hampered by being prevented from considering "operational" matters. The complaints mechanism, which was also set up by the legislation, works in secret; does not allow the complainant to see any of the documents, evidence or suspicions; can in effect only rule against MI5 if its decision to oug and tap was "perverse"; and cannot give reasons for its decisions. Since its creation it has never upheld a single complaint.

Stronger statutory controls on surveillance are necessary because of the absence of any general right to privacy which, if it existed, would provide some protection. The incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law will provide such a general right.

Unfortunately the convention itself is inadequate, providing for very wide limitations on the right to privacy in "national security" cases. What is necessary is an independent review of the role of the secret services and real remedies for those unnecessarily

spied on by them. It is to be hoped that the new Government, which contains so many who were "victims" of M15 in the past, will see the virtue of these proposals.

Yours faithfully, JOHN WADHAM. Director, Liberty. 2) Tabord Street, SEI. August 2b.

From Mr David Winnick, MP for Walsall North (Labour)

Sir, If Mr David Shayler's revelations about some of the activities of MI5 are anywhere near accurate then clearly these matters should be debated in the Commons as soon as possible after its

No one can seriously argue that Britain has no need for an organisation dealing with security matters: this would be so even if terrorism, be it from Northern Ireland or the Middle East, were not a danger to our citizens. Domestically, extremist groups, however electorally insignificant, who wish to undermine and destroy the parliamentary and democratic system have no reason to complain about being targeted, and the history of this century tells us what kind of security operations would be employed if they

actually held state power. However, the revelations 12 years

ago of a former MI5 official. Ms Cathy Massiter, showed that individuals like Harriet Harman, the present Secretary of State for Social Security, had been targeted, together with Patricia Hewin, her colleague in the then National Council for Civil Liberties and now a Labour MP herself. And whatever the full truth of the statements by Peter Wright (whose integrity was hardly on the same level as that of Ms Massiter) it is. I think, pretty clear that an element within MIS

was totally out of control in the 1970s

and that such officials were far more

motivated by political spite and mal-

ice against a Labour Government

than by carrying out the duties for which they were supposedly employed. The present intelligence and sec urity committee, established in the last Parliament and now reappointed. is not at all an adequate means of parliamentary scrutiny. Apart from other shortenmings, it reports annually to the Prime Minister and not to Parliament itself. The arguments against a more effective form of parliamentary scrutiny are much the same as were used for years against any form of parliamentary monitoring, prior to the formation of the present com-

I hope that in Government my party will seriously consider nutting into effect what we argued for in oppo-

DAVID WINNICK. House of Commons.

#### Greenpeace-BP row

From Mr John V. Mitchell

Sir, The Greenpeace statement (Chris Rose's letter, August 25) that "The problem [of climate change] is not a lack of oil, but that we have too much? deserves challenge. Proved reserves of conventional oil

tthe type likely to be produced from the Atlantic basin) are by most estimates equivalent to just over 40 years of current world oil consumption. If demand continues to grow at current rates presently known reserves are equivalent to less than 30 years. If the growth of oil demand is not

reversed before the growth of supply. more of the demand will be met from the Middle East, which has two thirds of the present conventional oil reserves, and from the conversion of reserves of "unconventional" heavy oil, tar sands, or coal which are indeed large and account for three quarters of "known fossil-fuel reserves" to which Greenpeace often refers. Middle East oil will be supplied by

governments which are implacably opposed to international agreement to restrict fossil fuel use. Use of the non-conventional reserves will emit 10-20 ner cent more carbon to produce liquid fuels equivalent in energy to those produced from conventional oil. On both counts, stopping exploration for new conventional oil reserves risks damaging the climate rather than protecting it. Protection requires urgent action, but better targeted.

JOHN MITCHELL (Chairman, Energy and Environment Programme). Royal Institute of International Affairs, 10 St James's Square, SWI. August 26.

From the Director of the Association for the Conservation of Energy

Sir, You are right to praise BP for taking global warming seriously (leading article, August 20). Its chief executive, John Browne, seems to be unique amongst the heads of major companies which purvey the products causing climate change in publicly acknowledging cause and effect. But I wonder whether you are entitled from that evidence to make the assumption that the company is therefore fully committed to energy conservation.

After all, the company shows little evidence of much desire to diversify out of oil - precisely the issue exercising Greenpeace. During the 1980s BP (and Shell 100) diversified into ownership of companies selling insulation. Both subsequently sold their interests. Consequently neither can have much

commercial interest in reducing the overall consumption of energy. Indeed they retain every incentive to increase demand; it is much easier to retain margins in a growing, rather than a declining market.

The Government's target is to

reduce emissions of carbon dioxide the main gas altering our climate by 20 per cent on 1990 levels by the year 2010. Speaking in the Commons in June, the Prime Minister said the "single best thing" we can do to achieve this "is to improve energy efficiency". It is difficult to see how, without

major diversification, BP can do much to assist the nation to achieve this oblective without seriously damaging its profitability. Yours faithfully.

ANDREW WARREN. Director, Association for the Conservation of Energy, Westgate House, Prebend Street, NI.

From Mr W. R. Pickering

Sir. What brand of petrol and oil did Greenpeace use for the Zodiac inflatables when boarding BP's oil rig (re-

Yours faithfully. W. R. PICKERING, Augusta House, 44 Harborne Road. Edghaston, Birmingham.

#### Children in danger

From Mrs Frances Russell

Sir, Libby Purves is brave to stand up for parents who let their children out to play unsupervised (Invincible in its innocence". August 27), but she is absolutely right. When children get to a certain age (and that differs with each child) they no longer wish, or need, their parents tagging along with them all the time.

My ten-year-old son would play football from dawn till dusk in all weather if permitted, and I do allow him a bit of personal freedom to go out and play. I don't feel at all guilty. because I trust him and his friends to behave themselves, but I do worry about him, and lecture him continually about the need to be alert about

strangers and let me know where he is and to come home on time, and so on. The parents and families of child-

ren who do come to harm at the hands of strangers should not be made to feel guilty on top of their grief. The mutder of Thomas Marshall is tragic indeed, but it would be dreadful if such thankfully rare circumstances led to children being kept indoors throughout the holidays and week-

In the long term, what message would it give them about the world? That there are absolutely no adults that you can trust?

Yours sincerely, FRANCES RUSSELL 33 Ridley Avenue, Ealing, W13. frances.russell@osct.dti.gov.uk August 27.

#### Bishops' powers

From Mr David Way

Sir. The office of churchwarden. which can be traced back at least as far as the 13th century and which is of great significance in the development of this country's democratic traditions, is under serious threat.

The draft Churchwardens Measure, which has passed the General Synod, allows (in s.8) a bishop to "suspend a churchwarden for any cause" which appears to the bishop to be "good and reasonable"; and, this done, the bishop will then appoint a new churchwarden, his choice being

This proposed legislation may be seen in a context in which the bishops seem intent on gathering to themselves all elements of control within the Church - as with glebes, patronages and liturgy, and as proposed for cathedrals.

The old proverb has it that "the more apples the tree beareth, the more she boweth to the folk. But the powers within the Church of England would rather bend farther away from the long history of diversity in unity that is the chief glory of Anglicanism.

The draft measure is stirring up considerable disquiet; it is devoutly to be hoped that the Commons and the Lords, to whom it now passes, will not allow it to go forward.

Yours faithfully. DAVID WAY. The Manor House, Hamerton. Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. August 26.

#### Lifeboat escape

From Mrs Mary E. Stewart

Sir, Your obituary of Captain William McVicar (August 22) recorded his epic journey in a lifeboat to the Brazilian coast after the attack on the SS Britannia on March 25, 1941. I was a civilian passenger on the

on March 12, hoping to reach Calcutta in about six weeks' time to take up a position as assistant to the general manager of the India branch of a worldwide drug research company. Of the Britannia's other lifeboats. one, containing about eighty people, was riddled with shrapnel and sank. Another was picked up on the following day by a ship bound for India. Another was taken to Tenerife and the

Britannia, which had left Liverpool

personnel repatriated. One lifeboat containing 57 people. including myself, was picked up by the SS Reranga bound for Buenos Aires on the evening of March 28. On reaching Montevideo those rescued were repairiated, with one exception myself. My company, who had all but given me up for lost, would not

risk another Atlantic crossing. Travelling by plane and ship I eventually reached India on June 27,

Yours faithfully MARY E. STEWART. The Old Rectory, 355 Havant Road, Portsmouth, Hampshire. August 23.

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Rats in the cistern From Mr Brian Read

Sir, For the source of the "fat rat" found by Mr Peter Tanner when he lifted the seat of his upstairs loo (letter. August 26) I suggest he interrogates any school-age son or nephew in the household. An ordinary rat would have leapt out of that loo at high speed when the cover was lifted.

Ordinary rats are not "fat". A domesticated pet rat is usually overweight, sluggish and trustful. It is sad that such an animal was flushed away. I suspect that the poor creature, if it has survived, is now desperately seeking food in the darkness of Mr Tanner's house drains.

This is perhaps a case where the RSPCA should have been called in, not Thames Water.

Yours faithfully. BRIAN READ, 50 St Mark's Road. Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. brian@ahier.demon.co.uk August 26.

#### Tills apart

From Mr Peter Gladstone

Sir, Mr P. M. Barman seems to be surprised that English banknotes are not always immediately available at every counter of Scottish banks (letter, August 261 If I preferred to leave England with Scottish notes, particularly avoiding

banks would have them at all fills, or any. Can I hear Mr Barman saying "but that's different"? Yours sincerely. PETER GLADSTONE. Fasque, Fettercairn, Kincardineshire.

El coins, I wonder how many English

pgscotland@avl.com August 26.

#### Motor madness

From Dr John H. Greensmith

Sir, I see someone's trying to sell the car registration number P5 YCO (Car 97, August 23) for "in excess of £25.000°.

The search is really on for someone with more money than sense. Yours faithfully,

JOHN GREENSMITH, 36A North Street, Downend, Bristol. August 23,

#### SOCIAL **NEWS**

The Queen will visit RAF Halton, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, on Friday. October 31 to mark the 75th Anniversary of the RAF Apprentice Training Scheme.

#### Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York, as president, will attend the finals of the Faldo Junior Golf Series at the Forest of Arden Golf Club. Warwickshire, at 3.00: and will open the new Grampian Police Office at Tillydrone, Aberdeen at 7.00.

#### Luncheon

The Pilgrims Lord Carrington, KG, CH, President of The Pilgrims, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at the Savoy for a US Senate delegation to the annual meeting of the British-American Parliamentary Group. Lord Merlyn-Rees, leader of the group, Mr Robert Worcester, Chairman of The Pilgrims, Senator Robert Byrd and Senator Ted Stevens also spoke. Among those present

Were:
The American Ambassador, the Right Rev Dr R D Say, Lord and Lady Inge. Lord and Lady Inge. Lord and Lady Inge. Lord and Lady Inge. Lord and Lady Jopling, Lady Merivin-Rees. Mr. Eric Forth. MP. and Mrs. Forth, the Hon Sir Clive Bussom, Sir James Harvie-Want, Sir Cliver Wright. Sir Roy and Lady Denman. Sir Michael Qurnlan, Sir Oliver Wright. Lady Moate. Sir Philip Goodhart, Mr Robert Bradike. Senator and Mrs. Richard Bryan, Mrs. Erma Byrd. Senator and Mrs. Patter, Senator and Mrs. Sinder Cochran, Senator and Mrs. Patter, Sir Mrs. Mrs. Senator and Mrs. Patter, Sir Philip Ruter, Mr Jeff Ennis. MP. and Mrs. Ennis, Mr. Edward Garmier, QC. MP. Mr. Roger Godsiff, MP. Mr. John McFall, MP. He Rev. Martin Smyth, MP. and Mrs. Smyth, Mr. James Bullet. Mr. Peter Barton. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sigmon. Mr. Roge. Mrs. Catherine Stevens and Mr. John Roge. Mrs. Catherine Stevens and Mr. John Schwart.

#### **Birthdays** today

The Duke of Argyll, 60: Mr M.A. Arthur. diplomat. 47: Sir Kenneth Berrill. economist, 77; the Right Rev J.F.E. Bone, former Bishop of Reading, 67; Sir Ralph Kilner Brown, former High Court judge, 88; Mr John Carlisle, former MP, 55; Sir Cecil Clothier, OC, former chairman, Police Complaints Authority, 78; Miss Imogen Cooper, concert pianist, 48; Lord Cudlipp, 84; Professor Wendy Davies, FBA, historian, 55; Sir Rupert Hart-Davis, author and publisher, 90: Sir Godfrey Hounsfield, FRS, inventor of EMI-scanner, 78; Mr Emlyn Hughes, footballer, 50; General Sir William Jackson, 80: Sir John Kingman, Vice-Chancellor, Bristol University. 58: Dr Joseph Luns, former Secretary-General,

Nato, 86; Air Chief Marshal Sir Nigel Maynard, 76: Mr Jamie Osborne, jockey. 30; Sir Christopher Paine, President, Royal Society of Medicine, 62; Sir Thomas Scrivenor, former colonial officer, 89: Mr J.J.C. Sheffield, former chairman, Portals, 59; Mr John Shirley-Quirk, bass-bari-tone, 66; Sir Peter Thornton, civil servant, 80; Professor Roger Williams, hepatologist,

#### Christopher Harley

A service of thanksgiving for Christopher Harley will be held in Hereford Cathedral at 3.00pm on Friday, October 3.

#### University news

Oxford The Peter Beaconsfield Prize 1997 has been awarded to Mr Henry Staines, Wadham

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## Big-game hunter won awards for saving animals' lives

#### Indian veteran's trophies go on sale

By JOHN SHAW

BIG game is shot with a camera on safari luxury now. but in Richard Vernon-Betts's day it was hunted on foot in the Indian jungle. He was one of the old-style big-game hunters who adapted his knowledge of nature to urban life after the war and became an RSPCA inspector in Corn-

Major Vernon-Betts died aged 82 at his home near Halstead. Essex in May and now three of his tiger skin trophies together with a li-brary of 2,500 books on every aspect of field sports are to go on sale in a £30,000 auction at Vosts in Newmarket, Suffolk,

on September 25. Hundreds of titles like *Tent* Life in Tiger Land by the Hon James Ingham, Hunting in the Himalayas, or The Gun at Home and Abroad (four vols 1912-15) give off a pungent whiff of empire.

John Vost, managing director of the firm, said: "He was obviously a good shot and in those days you could rent blocks of jungle, often up to 100 square miles. He shot tiger, panther and crocodile but many of these animals would prey on villagers and livestock so it was a way of keeping things in balance.

Big-game hunting gives off an echo of the past but, like a lot of true field sports enthusiasts, he was a man fascinated by nature in all its forms. There are books here about birds and butterflies in Britain."

Vernon-Betts was born in Murree, Northern Punjab, the son of a senior officer in the Indian Medical Service. He was educated in England and after leaving Sandhurst in 1932 returned to India with the Cheshire Regiment. He later joined two Gurkha units and was based at Landi Kotal at the southern end of the Khyber Pass on the North West Frontier.

Even Christmas in hospital there had its compensations. "My companion in misfortune knew lots of people in Peshawar who came to see him and we all drank lots of champagne. All things considered. I quite enjoyed my self," he wrote home in January 1938.

But he was soon in pursuit of big-game and describes being "suddenly and silently" confronted by a panther in the jungle and slowly reach-

BIRTHS: George Villiers, 1st

Duke of Buckingham, states-

man and royal favourite.

Brooksby, Leicestershire, 1592;

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe,

poet, dramatist and scientist,

Frankfurt am Main, 1749;

Joseph Sheridan Le Fanu.

novelist, Dublin, 1814; Sir Edward Burne-Jones, painter, Birmingham, 1833; Robert

Anniversaries



Major Vernon-Betts with an Indian bear, a big-game trophy he shot in the 30s

ing for his rifle. "It is simply amazing how one's heart revs up when the animal arrives," he wrote. "My pulse must have jumped from its usual 60-ish to well up over the 100s. I knew it would happen and was prepared for it, but I'm damned if I could stop it! I got him in one shot, base of the neck, left side as he was three quarters on. Dropped in his tracks."

In addition to the panther he shot a spotted deer, a black buck, a sambar stag and two crocodiles, one 6ft 4in long, the other 5ft 5in long, all between January 10 and 26. But after the war and the

advent of Indian independence in 1947 he returned to England, met his wife at a dance in Sussex, and they married in 1949. Major Vernon-Betts then joined the RSPCA and the couple moved to Cornwall.

The society awarded bim its bronze medal and bar for two dog rescues in September 1961, one down a mine shaft at St Just, the other down cliffs near Penwith.

His widow, Mrs Evelyn Vernon-Betts, who is selling the library after moving to a smaller house, said: "While going through his things I

John Strutt, 4th Baron Ray-

leigh, physicist, 1875; George

Whipple, pathologist, Nobel

laureate 1934, Ashland, New

Hampshire, 1878; Peter

Fraser, Prime Minister of

New Zealand 1940-49, Fearn,

Ross and Cromarty, 1884; Karl

Böhm, conductor, Graz, 1894;

Charles Boyer, actor, France, 1899; Sir John Betjeman, Poet

Laureate 1972-84, London,



The major with a tiger he shot after a district commissioner had wounded it on an earlier shoot

found two more awards from McTaggart set a new the society. He had a great £210,000 auction record for the society. He had a great f210,000 auction record for love of animals and the the artist in a Sotheby's sale natural world; he could name any animal or bird you could think of When you look back, it all seems part of another world. I suppose it's awful to get rid of his bits and pieces but you always keep the memories." Arran hills by William estimate.

DEATHS: St Augustine of

Hippo, Hippo (Annaba, Alge-

ria), 430; Hugo Grotius, jurist,

Rostock, Germany, 1745;

Alessandro, Count of Caglio-

stro. adventurer, fortress of

San Leo in the Appennines.

1795; John Leyden, poet, Cor-nelius, Djakarta, 1811; William

and poet, London, 1859; Prince

William of Gloucester, killed

at Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire. It was in a collection of eight McTa arts owned b Thomas Kirkness, a businessman in South Africa who bought them as a reminder of his Scottish childhood. The collection made £483,643, A picture of mist on the four times the pre-sale

Wagner's opera Lohengrin was first performed at Weimar. 1850. Smith, geologist, Northampton, 1839; Leigh Hunt, essayist

Island, 1987.

in an air crash, Halfpenny

Green Airport, near Wolver-

hampton, 1972; John Huston,

film director, Newport, Rhode

Dr Martin Luther King. Jr, delivered his "I have a dream" speech at a civil rights demonstration in Washington, 1963.

## Forthcoming marriages

Mr B. Collings and Lady Louisa Gordon Lennox The engagement is announced between Benjamin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roger Collings, of Thruxton House, Thruxton, Herefordshire, and Louisz, younger depolition of the Turks and gest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Richmond, Lennox and Gordon, of Molecomb, Goodwood, Chichester, West Sussex.

Captain C.R.M. Johnston and Miss J.E. Henderson The engagement is amounced between Captain Charles Johnston, The Parachute Regiment, son of the Hon Lord and Lady Johnston, of Edinburgh, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Henderson, of Colinton,

Mr C.B. Calvey and Miss N.J. Martin The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Paul Calvey, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Martin.

Mr T.D. Curtis and Miss V.A. Powell-Brett The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Curtis, of Mr and Mrs Richard Curis, of Weston Colville, Cambridgeshire, and Venetia, second daughter of Dr Christopher Powell-Brett, of Pimlico, London, and Mrs Lorna Powell-Brett, of Banersea, London. Mr V.W. Inglis-Jones and Miss C.S.M. Musson

The engagement is announced between Valentine younger son of Mr Nigel Inglis-Jones, QC, of Clapham, London and the late Mrs Lenette (Minnie) Inglis-Iones, and stepson of Mrs Inglis-Iones, and Cleone, eldest daughter of the late Mr Geoffrey Musson and of Mrs Musson, of Bolter End Common, Buckinghamshire.

Mr D.W. Knights and Miss N.L. Jennings The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr W. Knights and the late Mrs Knights, of Hull, East Yorkshire, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Middleton, of West Drayton, Middlesex.

Mr A.M.J. Kopley and Miss M.P. Sims The engagement is announced between Austen Michael John, son of Mrs Austen Kopley and the late
Mr A.J. Kopley, of Cropredy,
Oxfordshire, and Michele Parry,
daughter of Mrs Arthur Sims and
the late Mr H.C.A. Sims, of

and Miss A.M. Hunter The engagement is announced between Julian Simon, son of Mrs Erica Lazarus, of Kensington, and

Alison Marguerite, daughter of the late Mr David Hunter and of Mrs Hunter, of Newbury, Berkshire, Mr A. Nurmohamed and Miss R. Simor The engagement is announced between Arif, son of Mr and Mrs Sadruddin Nurmohamed, and Rehecra, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Simor.

Mr J.M. Off and Miss R.C. Eitel The engagement is announced between Jonathan Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Orr, of Bolton-le-Sands, Lancashire, and Rachel Carole, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Eitel, of Dungannon, Northern Ireland.

and Miss J.A. Sober and Mass J.A. Soper
The engagement is announced between Paul, youngest son of Dr and Mrs Isidore Redstone, of Bryanston Square, London, and Juliet, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Phillip Sober, of Horbury Mews, West London.

Mr. P. Sont

Mr D.P. Redstone

and Miss R.S. Underwood The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Martin Scott, of Leigh-on-Sea, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs Adrian Underwood, of

Mr A.J. Wharton and Miss R. Westbury The engagement is announced between Adam, younger son of District Judge and Mrs A.S. Wharton, of Oundle, Northamptonshire, and Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.L Westbury, of Chigwell Row, Essex.

and Miss S.A. Straker The engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Colonel and Mrs Edward York, of Hutton Wandesley, York, and Sasha, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Charles Straker, of Dupplin, Perth.

Marriage Mr P.J. Hicks

and Miss J.K. de Nobriga The marriage took place on Friday, Angust 15, 1997, of Mr Peter Hicks, son of the late Mr and Mrs E.W. Hicks, of Lincolnshire, to Miss Joanne de Nobriga, eldest daughter of the late Mr Alex de Nobriga and of Mrs de Nobriga.

#### Latest wills

Clare Young, of Letchworth, Hertfordshire, left estate val-ued at £3,674,806 net. Pamela Conyngham Hamilton-Smythe, of Cirencester,

Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £2,654,530 net. She left E5,000 to Fairford Hospital; £500 to St Mary's Church Fairford. Victor Reginald Marfell, of Cowley, Cheitenham,

ued at £2,471,566 net. He left shares in his residuary estate to St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, and to St Joseph's Hospice, Hackney. Alan William Tupper, of Leigh Delamere Chippen-ham, Wiltshire, left estate

valued at £2,431,372 net. Janet Elizabeth Golding, of Esher, Surrey, left estate valued at £3,589,131 net.

She left £35,000 to the Rt Rev Lord
Runcle and Lady Runcle; £15,000 to
Church of England Children's
Society; £5,000 each to Heating
Centre at Coventry Cathedral, Hon
James Runcle. Princess Alice
Hospica; Esher, Runcle Hospital, St.
Albans, and the Capelfield Surgery;
£3,000 to Christ Church of Esher,
£5,000 each to Ladier Section of
Burhill Golf Citab, Surnrey Ladier
County Golf Association, Surrey
Lady Captains' Society, and the
English Ladies Seniors Golf
Association. ued at £3,589,131 net.

Roden Paterson Greenall, of

Harlow, Essex, left estate val-ued at £2,168,616 net. John Bryan Bewicke Milton. of Brockenhurst, Hampshire, left estate valued at £1,229,928

Hilde Ramon, of Finchley. London N2, left estate valued at £1,399,521 net. Diana Rennie, of London

SW15. left estate valued at £2.764.637 net. Betty Foster Robinson, of Wolverhampton, left estate valued at £1.224,964 net. She left £25,000 to Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and Diabetics Research: Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (UK).

Jessie Eileen Snell, of Canford Cliffs. Poole. Dorset, left estate valued at £1,932,406 net. Mercia Solly, of Milford on Sea, Lymington, Hampshire, left estate valued at £2,732,041

She left shares in her estate to RNLL Royal British Legion and King Edward VII's Rospital for Officers, League of Friends of Millord on Sea and All Saints Church, Millord on Sea Lymington.

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CAMPBELL - On August 25th, to Georgina (née Crichton-Brown) and Angus, a son, Montague Angus.

COGGINS - On August 25th 1997, to Japa and Simon, a son, Alexander John, a brother for Louis.

HUGHES - Michael and Beather (née Milier) are delighted to announce the at the Eastern General Hospital, Ediaburgh

KAWAMURA - On August 21st at The Portland Hospital, to

CRIGHT - On August 21st at the Hospital of St John & St Elizabeth, to Amanda (not Rabbs) and Peter, a wonderful son, Hallam reddie, a brother for

LOUVET - On August 21st at The Portland Hospital, to Christine and Pattice, a son, Thomas Pietre Trevor. NORTH - On August 22nd at Epsom General Hospital, to Melanie and Jes, a besutiful dnughter, Darcey Kathleen. NIERWOOD - On 22nd August 1997, to Jane (not Lees) and Jeremy, a son, Samuel Aldan.

SHRME - On Angust 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Lesley-Ann (uce Joses) and Genni, a son, Heavy Eduşud Emlya, a brother for Mia. SMART - On 24th August 1997 at The Royal Free Hampstead to Maxion and Hugh, a sen Oliver Peter, a beather for Jessica. STANDRING - On 21st August, to Rebecca (nee Burrows) and Eupert, a daughter, Folly

#### DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

SCHILLING - Heather and Bichard on 28th August 1937. Congretulations and love from all your family.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ROBERTS - Geoff. Darks wishes to thank day and night staff at No. 10 Ward, Roalsswood, Dr. Popert, Jamily and all friends, far too many to mention by mano, for all the many tibutes and domaious for Droitwich Spa Cancer Support of which Gooff was President. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Special thanks to Mary Ashdown, the Rev. C. Stallard and the Sev. P. Bristow, & all who have supported me during this sad time.

#### DEATHS

APPLETON - Eleanor 6th July 1922 - 24th August 1997, wife of the late Group Captain J.W. Appleton, mother of the late Gles, survived by daughters Estharine and Charlotte and William. Died peacefully after a long illness. Faneral Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday 29th August 1997 at 10 am. No flowers, but donations in lieu in favour of 5t John's Hospics and engulties do A. France & Son. 45 Lamb's Conduit Street, London WIN 3NM. Tek (0171) 405-4901.

ARCHER - Florence Emity
(Fov). Passed away
peacefully, with dignity and
grace on 26th August, 1997
in Hobart, Tampania, Loved
wife of the inte Ted, Loved
mother of David, Loved
grandmother of Lee, Andrew,
Susan and Jennifer. Greatgrandmother of Tynnn,
flayden and Sosian Loved by
Sharrye and Famels. Fondly
remembered by Charles,
Michael, Victor, Tony and
Bonn.

## DEATHS

ARDIME - On August 22nd 1997 after a long and distressing illness, Graham Hemy Duff aged 75, dearly loved bushand of Patricia and devoted father of Sarah, Nigel and Kate and grandfather of Vicky and Tom Funeral at St Peter and St Paul, Seal, near Sevencaks, on Monday September 1st at 2.15 pm. Private cremation later. Family flowers only. Enquires and donations if desired for the PSP Association to W. Hodges, tel. (01732) 454457.

BLACK - Dr. George Purves on 22nd August at home in Newbury. Cremation at Oxford 3 pm on 1st September. Ashes to be interred in Scotland. No flowers please but donations if desired may be made to The Berkshire Cancer Centre c/o R.C. Smallbone (Newbury) Ltd.

BOUCHER - Enid Maude Gurney on 23rd August, peacefully at home in Miletead, Sittingbourne, Lent. Widow of Reginald Kent. Widow of Reginald Comyn. Much loved and sadly missed by Hugh, Ann and their families. Donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign or Wisdom Hospite Trust Fund c/o R. High and Sone, I Bayford Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.

BREDIN - Dorothy Wall, on Tuesday August 26th aged 101, adored wife of the late GEF. Bredin C.B.E., loving and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Private cremation. Faseral service

at St. Peter's Church, Wootton near Abingdon, on Monday September 1st at CARROLL - On 23rd Angust suddenly but pencefully at his home at Swaffham, Norfolk, Richard (Dick), Honorary Vice Consul for Spain. Beloved husband of Charlotte (deceased) and a dear father and grandfather. Requises blace at Our Lady of Pity C.C., Swaffham, on September 1ct at 11.30 am. Flowers to Chapmans Funeral Service, 17 Lynn Road, Swaffham.

# COCKHILL - Lorns on August 26th died peacefully in the compassionate care of Ashridge Court Care Home, Berkill, Deatry loved wife of the late Tom, mother of

the late Tom, mother of Roger, grandmother of Richard, Paul, Anne, Feter, Andrew and laim and greatgrandmother of nine. Cremation Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Thursday September 4th at 2.30 pm. Flowers to Munmery Ltd., 31 Devonshire Road, Benhill, East Sussex, TN40 1AE, refr (01424) 730418.

DAGGE - Dorothy Ramaden on August 26th peacefully at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, aged 90, belowed wife of Tim. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium Friday August 27th at 9.30am. Cremation follows. No flowers please.

CAMBURY - Hasel Frances on August 24th at home, after long illness bravely home. Funeral Service on Monday 1st September 12 noon at URC, New Maldon, Surrey. Enquiries to Frederick Paine, (0181) 942-1978.

FLOYD - On August 25th in hospital, David, aged 83. A much loved father, grandfather and greatgrandfather. Cremation service at Honor Oak Crematorium, Brockley Way, Crematorium, Brockley Way, Forest Hill, London SE22 on Priday Angust 29th at 10 am. No Dewers but denations to Farkinson's Disease Society, 22 Upper Weburn Place, London WC1H OBA.

FOGG - Elizabeth Beryl, on 26th August aged 76 after a barre fight against cancer. Balored wife of Tomy (Prof. GE Fogg), mother of Helen and Timothy, grandmother of Melanie and Kiszan, and sister of Bhlan Kelsall. Funeral Service at sister of Bhian Kejsall. Funeral Service at 11andegfan Church at 12-30pm on Tuesday 2nd September. No flowers please but donations if wished, to Macmillan Numing Services per John O. Williams and Son Funeral Directors, 1 Rose Hill. Beaumara, Inte of Anglesey, tel: (01248) \$10642.

GARDMER - Raiph Bennett (Bob) MM, aged 78, late Under Secretary Treasury Solicitor's Dept., ford of the maner of Shotwick, beloved husband of Pat, father of Marian and David, Grampy to Alice, brother of Joyce, Patrick and John, died peacefully at home after a long illness courageously home on 25th Angust 1997, Puneral Service 2.30 pm at St Michael's Church, Shotwick, Cheshire on Thursday 4th September, followed by private interment, Family flowers only, donations if desired to St Michael's Church, Shotwick of Princers Alice Hospice, Enquiries to George Petiti & Son, Fineral Directors, Chester, (01244) 390578.

PERSONAL COLUMN

dARFORTH-BLES - On 21st August 1997. Mary, aged 80 years, beloved wire of the late John, dearly loved mother of David James and loving grandmother of Esbecra Louise and Sophie Victoria. Pumeral Service on 29th August 1997 at 2.30pm at West Norwood Consetury Chapal, London, Flowers to A. Yeatman & Sons, 384 Norwood Road, from Chesterman Florists teli (0181) 547-8962. Denations it desired to ESPCC elo A.

if desired to RSPCC c/o A. Yearman & Sons. GRAY - Alexander George aged
78 on 24th August. Requiem
Mass & Gabriel's, Warwick
Square, SWI, 7 pm lat
September. Cremation
Service Mortiake 10.30 am
2nd September, No flowers
but donations for Talking
Books for the Blind c/o
Kanyons, 74 Bochester Row,
SWIP 1 JU.

HARRIS - Zona, on 25th August, wife of the late George Eart's and dearly loved sixter of Eva Rosenthal and sister-in-law of Sunner Rosenthal Service to be held at Golders Green Crematorium at 4.15 pm on 28th August,

HASLETT - On 26th August
1997 peacefully in her sleep
at home in Scotby, Carlisle,
Leslie (Tey) aged 87 years,
née Macivez, Dearly beloved
wife of the hate Bill, Dearly
loved "Muzzy" of Liz, John,
Stephan and their families.
Requiem Mass at Our Lady
and St Wilfreds Church,
Warwist Bridge, Carlisle, on
Priday 29th August at 2 pm
followed by private
cremation. No flowers by
request Donations if desired
to Amhasty International clo
Geo Hudson & Sons, Funeral
Directors, 118 Wignan Road,
Carlisle, Cumbrin CA2 7ES.
B1P.

HOWDEN - Canon Arthur Tarts posculally on August 24th aged 86. Survice at 8: Mary's Church, Rougham, Bury St Edmands, Suifolk, 2pm 1st September. No Bowen, donations to Church Wiselpaper. Society or Missionary Society or Friends of the Diocese of

KENYON-THOMPSON - Keith
Martin. Schoolmaster and
Bookseller of Ruthin,
Denbighshire. Passed away
on Angust 23rd 1977 sped
55 years. Adored husband of
Janet. Cremation Private. A
Service of Thankagiving will
be beld on a date to be
announced at St Peter's
Collegiate Church Ruthin.
Donations in memory of
Keith for the Church Organ
Fund may be sent to The
Book Shop, Upper Ciwyd
Street, Buthin, LL15 1817. KENYON-THOMPSON - Keitz

MARSHALL - John Wilson peacefully at his home in Farham, Suffolk, on August 22nd aged 77 years, dearly loved husbond, father and grandfather. The funeral service will be held at 5t Many's Church, Parham, on Teasday September 2nd at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only: Donations to the Village Hall Trest co P.W. Kindred, New House, Crabbe's Farm, Farham, Saffolk IP13 9AD.

MATTHEWS - David Naples at home on August 25th supported by all his family. Beloved husband of Bethy, much loved father of Hugh, Jane and Etchard and wonderful grandfather to Kate, Andy, Nigel, Fiona, Jono, Thomas, Charles, William and Caroline, William and Caroline, Funeral Monday Spytambe, 1st at St James The Lest, Panghourne at 2 pm, followed by private cremation, Family flowers only, Donations if desired to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, Service of Theaksgiving to be held in London later in the year. Details to follow. Lovegove F/D, 58 Briants Avenue, Caversham EG4 5BA.

Will all relatives and friends
please accept this
intimation. Floral tributes
and donations to 5r
Margarat's Church and
Cancer Research are most
welcome. Enquiries to
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Status and the state of the sta to be aunounced later.
RABY - John died August 19th
1997 aged 73 in Onford.
"Grow old along with nel
The bent is yet to be, The
last of life, for which the
first was made." Furnity
funeral has taken place.

Caversham RC4 5BA.

PLANT - Dian Plant is saddened to amounce the loss of her denriy loved husband Gordon who passed away poterfully at home on August 21st 1997. The funeral service and tributes to Gordon will take place on Monday September 1st 1997 at St Margaret's Church, Wenhoury at 2 pm, followed by interment at his home. Will all relatives and friends please accept this

THARGRAM - Mukund E. died peccefully on 24th August aged 64, belowed husband of Mangayet, treasured father of Geets, Rajesh and Meera-Papathal Service at Goldens Green Cremanorium at 4 pm on Friday August. 29th. No. Howels please. Departings to The Royal Mansten (NGS) Trust.

TODD - John died peacefully at home, on August 26th 1997, after a long illness courageously home. He will be greatly missed by wife Jamy and drughters Debbis and Innie, and by his many friends in the Royal Institute of Navigation, from whom funeral arrangements may be obtained.

YORKE - Charlotte Elizabeth (Carla), widow of E.C. Yorke on 21st August Cormation Oxford Crematorium 12.15pm, 3rd September. Family flowers only. Donations to Charlbury Exhibition Foundation at 33 The Green, Charlbury, Christon U.C. 30R Memorali Service at 38 Harry Church, Charlbury, 17th September at 12 noon. Enquiries (O1605) 810663.

FAX: 0171 481 9313 MEMORIAL SERVICES WANTED TEWART-MEKLEJOHN - Tobs Hajor Reil James, lete the Black Watch, R.H.R. A Memorial Service will be held in Hoty Thinty, South Street, St. Andrews at 2.30pm on Thursday 11th September 1997.

IN MEMORIAM ---PRIVATE -

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## COLONEL HANS VON LUCK

Flensburg on July 15, 1911.

To the state of th von Luck recalls the astonishment. L he felt when, in the 1960s, he was invited to the Staff College at Camberley to lecture to young British officers on the German experience of the Normandy battle of 1944. The consciousness of having been the servant of an evil regime, doubly drummed into him through five years as a prisoner of the Russians between 1945 and 1950, made him repoent about talking of his war. But when he had rounded up much other artillery and stood up to address his first Staff College got it pointing in the right direction audience, it was to hear himself described by Camberley's CO as "a fair and courageous opponent". The awkwardness passed, and he was regularly invited back.

Staff College audiences were particularly interested to hear what a German had to say about the controversial Operation Goodwood, the British 2nd Army's apparent attempt to break out of its bridgehead at Caen in July 1944. As commanding officer 125 Panzergrenadier Regiment, von Luck had played an important part in repelling the most massive Allied tank attack of the entire Normandy campaign. On one occasion he even ordered the commander of a flak battery at gunpoint not to train his 58mm guns skywards looking for aircraft, but to use them against the advancing British tanks. Either you're a dead man or you can earn yourself a medal, won Luck told the reluctant flak commander, levelling his Luger pistol at him. Faced with this steely determination, the young officer com-plied, and the anti-aircraft guns became anti-tank guns, with devastating effect on

the British armour.

The repulse of Goodwood brought acute disappointment verging on outrage to the Chiefs of Staff, the press and the British public, and its effects reverberate among military commentators to this day. That three complete armoured divisions

 whose way forward had supposedly been eased by an immense carpet of bombs dropped by 2,000 aircraft -

Colonel Hans von Luck, wartime should have been stopped in their tracks

Panzer leader, died in Hamburg on by vastly inferior German forces, was should have been stopped in their tracks August I aged 86. He was born at considered a disgrace. Tedder, Eisenhower's deputy for the NW Europe campaign. furious at the squandering of such n his memoir, Panzer Commander, massive air power for such limited published in America in 1989, Hans objectives, called for Montgomery's head. Montgomery, in a perhaps retrospective adjustment of his aims, said that no breakout had been planned; Goodwood had been a "battle of position" intended to draw German forces into a war of attrition and allow the Americans to break out on the western flank of the . bridgehead - which indeed they later did. On the German side, von Luck's initiatives - besides the flak battery, he got it pointing in the right direction -

earned him the praise of the corps commander. He was used to such notice. From early on in his career he had been a protégé of Rommel, who in 1942 had had him brought from the Russian front to North Africa to command his "pet" unit, the 3rd Panter Reconnaissance Buttalion. Poland, 1939; France 1940; Russia 1941-42; North Africa 1942-43; NW Europe 1944; and finally the Eastern front again just before the final collapse in 1945, von Luck had been in the thick of just about every

campaign of the war. Hans you luck was born into the old Prussian officer class. An ancestor had fought against the Tarrars in the 13th century; another had served Frederick the Great in the Seven Years War. Remarkably, given such a military background, his father was a naval officer, which accounts for von Luck's birth at Flensburg. But the father's career was an aberration. Hans von Luck went to army cadet school, from where he was posted to a cavalry regiment. But from this he was upropoted and sent to one of the first motorised battalions in the Reichswehr. At first he was disappointed not to be a cavalryman, but the move ensured that he was in at the birth of Germany's formidable panzer forces. In Saxony in 1932 he met Erwin Rommel who trained him in infantry tactics.

In August 1939 von Luck's armoured reconnaissance regiment was on manoeuvres on the Polish frontier when it had its blank cartridges exchanged for live Countries in the following spring, he



ammunition. At 0450 hours on September I, it rolled over the Polish frontier to begin what would, for von Luck, be more than five-and-a-half years of almost continual fighting. By the middle of September, with the Polish armies routed, von Luck's

unit was in Warsaw. For the invasion of France and the Low

found himself in a panzer division commanded by Rommel. The young company commander had already made an impression on the famous general, and when, on May 28, 1940, the commander of 37 Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion was killed in normern France, Rommel appointed him, over the heads of many more senior officers, to lead the unit. In the

aftermath of Dunkirk, von Luck's battalion continued the pursuit of the French Army southwards, encompassing the surrender of Fécamp without having to bombard the picturesque resort. Von Luck's third campaign began at

4am on June 22, 1941, when Hitler launched Operation Barbarossa, the invasion of the Soviet Union. His panzer division was part of the Northern Army Group aiming for Minsk as a prelude to assaulting Moscow itself. Von Luck actually managed to insert a patrol into the suburbs of the Russian capital before counterattacks and the onset of winter flung the Germans back. By that time he knew that Rommel, in North Africa, was asking for him and, though his divisional general would not at first release him, by the spring of 1942 he was reporting to his old boss in his desert HQ.
For von Luck the fight against the

British in the desert was always to be the most "sporting" contest of the war. The deep bitterness of the French campaign and the dehumanizing ethos of the Russian front, were absent. The to-and-fro nature of the struggle meant that both sides got to know each other's units -sometimes each other's personalities quite intimately. A captured German medical officer might be "swapped" for a supply of synthetic quinine of which the British were in short supply. Towards the end of the campaign, in a Tunisian desert bivouac, a bedouin suddenly came to von-Luck's tent and presented him with a letter. It was from the CO Royal Dragoons and read:

Dear Major von Luck. We have had other tasks and so were unable to keep in touch with you. The war in Africa has been decided. I'm glad to say not in your favour. I should like, therefore, to thank you and all your people, in the name of my officers and men, for the fair play with which we have fought against each other on both sides. I and my battalion hope that all of you will come out of the war safe ...

After the close of the Tunisian campaign von Luck spent some time in Berlin before going to Normandy where, on D-Day, he was commanding a tank regiment of 21 Panzer Division near Caen. When he saw the massed parachutists and gliders of 6 Airborne Division descending on Normandy early on June 6, 1944, he longed to counter-attack at once. But his formation was forbidden to move without a direct order from Haller. who slept in until noon. Later, after the repulse of Goodwood, he fought his way back to the Germany's Rhine frontier and was involved in some tough fighting against the Americans in the Vosges

Mountains. Had he finished his war there, his future might have been different. But in February 1945 his panzergrenadiers were switched to the eastern front where where he was taken prisoner by the Russians in the desperate fighting on the Oder around the fortress of Küstrin in April. He then faced almost five years' grim labour in the Soviet Union, first as a coalminer, then as a building worker in the Caucasus.

He was released in the winter of 1949-50, but found his home town in ruins. His private life was in ruins, too. He had formed an attachment during the war to a girl he was not then allowed to marry, because she had a Jewish great-grandparent. By the time he returned from imprisonment her circumstances had changed. They remained friends but he found a new life as a coffee merchant. spending some time in Angola. He married and fathered three sons.

His British Staff College visits brought him into touch with Major John Howard. whom, had his unit been allowed to move forward, he might well have driven off Pegasus Bridge in the small hours of D-Day. Through Howard he met the American historian and presidential biographer Stephen Ambrose who wrote a foreword to Panzer Commander.

Von Luck also advised the Ministry of Defence on its 1979 instruction film Goodwood. He was even asked to lecture on the topic to the Swedish Military College: this small neutral state regarded his July 1944 counter-attack as a classic of its kind, with a lesson for any country that might find itself subject to amphibious invasion. Howard and von Luck were often to be seen together, both at D-Day reunions, which initially he had been reticent about attending, and at seminars arranged by Ambrose when he was a professor at New Orleans.

His wife Regina and sons survive him.

## **CHRISTOPHER HARLEY**

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at Eton and Magdalene Coll-

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CHRISTOPHER HARLEY was a country gentleman whose family has lived at Brampton Bryan, Herefordshire, since 1309, on an estate which has not been bought or sold since the Norman Conquest. Among the family's forebears are counted a Harley who had been on the First Crusade and another who had fought at Crecy.

After take over the man agement of the family property and surrounding farms in 1956. Christopher Harley supervised the restoration, preservation and modernisation of every aspect of the estate, culminating most recently in the repair of the ruined modiaeval castle defended by his ancestor Lady Brilliana Harley during the Civil War.

This was a task for which his deep knowledge of local and family history wholly suited him. He always took great trouble in answering historical or genealogical que ries from researchers or dis-

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man from 1963 to 1967 and president from 1977 to 1986. He also served as a regional committee member of the National Trust from 1968 to 1993 and as chairman of the Herefordshire branch of the Royal Forestry Society from 1959 to 1968. He was a General Commissioner for Income Tax from 1962 to 1997. He followed generations of his family by serving as High Sheriff of the county in 1987-88 and was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of Herefordshire in 1987.

Much of the delight which people found in Harley's comhis easy charm and modest smile, but also from his exceptionally wide range of interests and scholarship. His nickname, "Trees" Harley, was a tribute not just to his height (he was 6ft 5in tall) but to his passion for trees and forestry in particular. He started out as a boy by collecting pine-cones and moved on to the planting of exotic conilers. He sometimes took his hosts by surprise when, out visiting locally, he would don a boiler suit after lunch and climb a particularly fine specimen of a tree to get the best seeds from the top.

collection of tree books, with the emphasis always on conifers. His plantings consistently combined character and aestheric values with commercial considerations. He plant-ed more than 200,000 trees. Harley's concerned paternalism allowed the estate to retain a sense of continuity and community now rare in rural England. Brampton Bryan is today one of the few English villages which can still boast a blacksmith, a wheelwright and coracle-maker, not to mention the more recent craft of making garden gnomes.

He owned an exceptional

Harley's marriage in 1959 to Susan, daughter of the diplomat Sir Roderick Barclay. brought him great happiness. He died in the room in which he was born and is survived by his wife and four sons.

# JOHN GUEST

John Guest, publisher. died on August 24 aged 85. He was hora in Warrington. Cheshire, on October 4, 1911.

FOR ALMOST half a century, John Guest was a notable figure in English publishing, attracting to the houses for which he worked a remarkable number of established authors, who were for were to become) his friends, as well as unknown young writers who have since made their names.

The elder son of George leather manufacturer, and of Jane Helen, one of the 12 children of John Boston of Liverpool, also in the leather trade, he was educated at Fettes in Edinburgh and read English at Pembroke College. Cambridge. After a short, unhappy time

in the family leather business

he moved to London where, after knocking on various publishers' doors, he eventually obtained ill-paid employment, first as a proof reader and then as a junior editor in the long-established firm of Collins. On the outbreak of war in 1939 he enlisted in the Army and served in the North African and Italian campaigns as a captain in the 10th City of London Yeomanry. By then the "Rough Riders" were actually an artillery regiment, and Guest was mentioned in dispatches for his service with

them. He returned to Collins after the war, but in 1949 became literary adviser to Longman, with a brief to rebuild the firm's general trade list, a task he fulfilled with exemplary success. Within ten years Longman had one of the most distinguished fiction and nonfiction lists in London.

A painstaking, sympathetic and skilful editor with a sure eye for nascent talent - he spotted such authors as Richard Adams, David Storey and John Cornwell - Guest was also a distinguished writer himself. His one original



book. Broken Images, an impressive and moving account of his war experiences, won the Royal Society of Literature Award under the Heinemann bequest in 1949. He was subsequently elected a fellow of the society, and sat on its council for thirty years. For a time he was chairman

of the Heinemann award committee, and on the retirement of Sir Osbert Sitwell he was invited by William Plomer to take a place on the panel of judges for the Cholmondeley Award for Poetry. He edited the first anthology of the poetry and prose of his friend Sir John Beijeman under the title The Best of Betjeman 1978. It has been preprinted (1978). It has been reprinted many times and has sold about 200,000 copies.

In 1972, when Longman merged with Penguin, John Guest was invited to join Penguin as literary adviser. and he remained there until his retirement, contributing much to the firm's success. Gregarious, entertaining and lively, he was an amusing raconteur whose fund of anecdotes - related with a slight but much-imitated lisp - never palled in the retelling. A repository of arcane know-ledge and amusing gossip

about the literary world and about encounters with such figures as Somerset Maugham and Edith Sitwell, he possessed at the same time many other interests, ranging from the study of pipe organs to the expert practice of photography, from natural history to music and the art of the Renaissance. He was widely travelled in Asia, Africa and Europe, having a particular devotion to Italy where he delighted in walking, as he did in the English countryside. with one or other of his many devoted friends.

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So far as I can ascertain, not a single over of underhand bowling has been seen in county cricket this season. Two county captains of my acquaintance say they would willingly make use of it in an emergency, e.g. when two stodgy balsmen have dug themselves in, but they have nobody in their sides with any practical knowledge of it. If an expert were available, one of them admitted, the attitude of the crowd would have to be considered. His appearance as a bowler would be greeted with derisive laughter: for the average spectator the lob is as absurd as its name and a childish device for giving easy runs to the enemy. For this and other reasons, underhand bowling seems to be extinct in first-class cricket ... In club cricket also the "lobster" is despised, and some years have elapsed since I saw him playing his craft for a suburban eleven of good standing. He then took four wickets at a reasonable cost. Afterwards

#### ON THIS DAY

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The left-handed author had studied underhand bowling since his childhood, and claimed to have taken 1,500 wickets in his career, mostly in countryhouse cricket.

he told me he had been equally successful on a Sussex green, and that his captain had privately apologised to each of his victims for subjecting him to an ordeal suspected to be unsportsmanlike. As you descend through the lower circles of cricket, you find the schoolboy's aversion from "sneaks" re-appearing as a grown-up obsession, but he is not so foolish as to believe that underhand bowling can ever again be made the main part of an attack. The batsman gets a much quicker sight of it

than of the deliveries of a bowler whose hand brushes his ear". The underhand bowler cannot flight the ball. Though fast-medium pace can be secured, only a jerk is able to make it really fast — and that is illegal, being an underhand throw. But it is the psychological factor - unusualness - which would make underhand bowling dangerous in these days. Meeting it perhaps for the first time, even a first-rate batsman might become too cautious or too ready to take risks. More often than not, he would expect, and be expected by the crowd, to set the figures flickering on the score-board. That is why bad lobs can be strangely effective. The classic instance is Alfred Lyttelton's four wickets for 19 against Australia, W.G., the English caprain, said his lobs were very bad, when he ordered him back into his wicket-keeping gloves and pads, and an eye-witness told me some were like a "snail", and one bounced three times . . . Perhaps enough has now been said to justify this plea for the revival of a venerable, if unvenerated, art of cricket,

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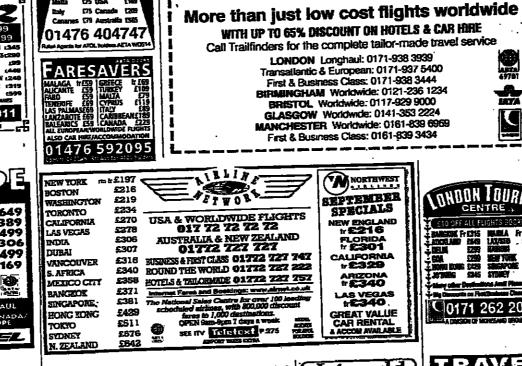
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groups also claim that the developments encourage tourists to stay in their own isolated compound, rutting local people off from any potential economic benefit.

More than half the 820,000 Britons who go on holiday to the Caribbean this year will stay in hotels and developments where food, drink and entertainment are included in the package price. And similar schemes are now opening from the Far East to the Mediterranean. 🔩

Stuart Henderson, a lawyer, won compensation from the tour operator First Choice 115 holidaymakers caught food poisoning at an. all-inclusive resort in the Caribbean. Now, he claims, he is. acting for a further 12 groups. involving others companies. that allegedly got food poisoning at all in resorts in the Dominican Republic earlier this year, and 140 people who became ill while at a similar resort on Margarita Island in

01717827 We are not just talking about getting upset turimies - some of these people were quite seriously ill, some havehad to be hospitalised, and up. to 10 per cent have developed life-long medical problems,. such as irritable bowel syn-. drome, as a result of unsafe food preparation in these re-

sorts," he says. This may be because at all-inclusive hotels meals are

THERE is mounting concern out for hours and often reheat about food hygiene standards ed. Also, we have evidence that in some cases tap water is inclusive resorts springing up used to water down drinks, and I do wonder whether costs Environmental pressure at this type of horel are being pared to the bone."

As hoteliers rush to convert to all-inclusives, Mr Henderson believes there could be further outbreaks of food poisoning in countries previously considered sale.

Patricia Barnett, director of the charity Tourism Concern, says the fact that those who book an all-in holiday spend little, if any, money in the country they visit is causing a rising tide of resentment in many destinations. "All-inclusive resorts deny

nity to become involved in tourism." Mis Barnett says. The claim is fiercely denied by the tour operators, including the Caribbean's leading allinclusive group, Sandals. We employ 4,500 local staff, buy in huge quantities of food and drink from the local farmers and we alone provide 10 per cent of Jamaica's for-

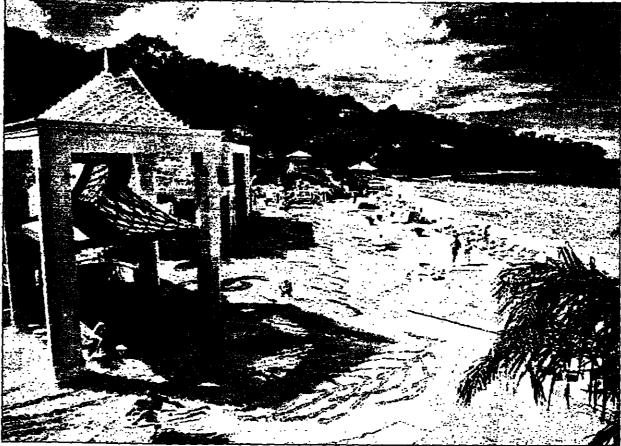
the local economy the opportu-

Elaine Vaughan, the sales director. "Clients in all-inclusive resorts actually spend far more on local trips, souvenirs and attractions than those in an ordinary hotel - especially if

eign currency earnings," says

they are on a budget. The British are particularly keen on visiting the local area so it is simply wrong to say they do not bring benefits." Adrian Clark, administra-tive director of the Tourism

Society, adds: "All-inclusives offer convenience and goodoften buffets, where food is left. quality holidays but the



Paying their way? The Sandals resorts in Jamaica employ 4,500 local staff and buy in food and drink from local farmers

downside is that holidaymakers lose their independence and they often do not go beyond their resort.

Tour operators insist that good all-in packages represent the best value for money for the holidaymaker. Prices start from as little as £399 for a week in the Caribbean.

They offer clients a cheaper alternative to half-board packages, and they allow holidaymakers, particularly families, to budget for their trip before they leave home, "says Francis Torrilla, marketing director of the holiday company Inspira-

Flying Colours claims a holidaymaker on a two-week package to the Caribbean could save up to £1,000 on food, drink and sports facilities by staying at an allinclusive resort. Airtours says

that a quarter of all its clients now choose all-inclusive holidays. Tourist boards are also generally in favour of the allinclusive concept, arguing that by lowering the overall cost of a holiday, it attracts more

visitors. News that three British women may have caught typhoid while staying at an allinclusive resort in the Republic last Dominican

month is not expected to discourage holidaymakers from booking similar deals. This is an unfortunate and isolated incident and as yet we don't know whether these women caught typhoid in their hotel or from a local

restaurant," says Padilla Tonos, the Dominican Republic's Ambassador in London.

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chines will become Only this week. BT announced that it was involved in producing what it described as "a machine that can transport its user anywhere in the world' Using the device, called Head, BT said that "a user

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can visit Times Square or take a walk into a pyramid without leaving the room". So it will soon be a simple matter to reproduce some of the world's higgest attractions, not just on computers. but also on wraparound

screens or as holograms. Already the Internet has travelogues showing in immense detail not only a particular city or resort, but also inside the hotels and the food in the restaurants. An American company, Planet 9, now features ten cities on its Web site. "Travellers" can circle several

HARVEY ELLIOTT How to travel

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£120 each to discover just company is creating other such "trips", including London, Tokyo and Kyoto what it is like to be in control of a Boxing 737 jet. The simulator at the Afready the site is visited Yorkshire Flight Centre. by more than a million near Harrogate, like those Internet users a year. Some that every commercial airare looking for information line pilot must visit every six on a particular city but months, is so realistic that many, the company says are doing it "for fun". many "pilots" lorget completely that they are in a

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shore — in 3D. There will be no problems with nasty insects or tropical diseases. Those who prefer to stick to homegrown food will not have to choose from incomprehensible menus or have to shoul to make themselves understood in a foreign tongue.

The new technology will or course, he far superior to the simple television pictures or internet images generally available today. and will ensure that travellers experience the sounds. and even the smells, on their virtual journeys.

But would you not rather be on that sunny beach or in some exotic place? I suspect all this virtual travel will only generate more demand for the real thing by wherting appetites.

#### **WEEKEND TRAVEL**

● TANZANIA: Simon Barnes watches the

MAZES: This is the summer to be amazed,

# Eurostar security checks to stay

By STEVE KEENAN

EUROSTAR passengers have been caught in a crackdown on bogus asylum-serkers at the Paris rail terminal.

A new passport check was introduced 12 days ago, slowpassengers after ticket check-in and before security gates at Gare du Nord station. But Eurostar officials insist

they have no immediate plans to extend the current 20minute check in rule at Paris, despite the added security precautions. "It seems as if the new pre-board checks will said the spokesman. There are also no plans to change the 10-minute check-in offered to travellers buying E370 Premium First tickets.

But heightened security at Gare du Nord could alarm passengers, particularly those on business, whose main criteria for travel is speed of checkin and travel between Paris and London.

Eurostar is locked in a battle with airlines to attract premium traffic: Up to 25 per cent of Eurostar passengers are on business, and its new Premium First fare matches that charged by airlines for fully flexible tickets.

The latest figures also show that the initial appeal of Eurostar has worn off, with airlines reporting that loss of passengers to rail has stabilised. Air France says figures to Paris are down by 22 per cent on 1994. British Airways has suffered less. down by less than 10 per cent

on pre-Eurostar figures. And while "point-to-point" figures may be down, AF and BA have seen overall traffic on the route grow as connecting traffic volumes have increased through Paris Charles de Gaulie and Heathrow airports, respectively. -

Sabena reports a 47 per cent prowth in traffic between the UK and Belgium in the first six months of 1997, almost entirely because of connecting traffic through Brussels.

It is generally acknowledged that Eurostar appeals mainly to business travellers from central London or within easy access to Ashford, Kent. Those west of London or flying from the regions have stuck to the airlines.

Another reason for the levelling off of losses to Eurostar, according to an Air. France spokesman, is the fact that the rail service has now matched airlines on price. Eurostar's Premium First to Paris costs £370, exactly the same as AF

In the early days, Eurostar did a lot of deals on price that tempted business travellers to try out the service. Now that it costs the same, the numbers switching to rail have stabilised, "says a spokesman.

#### Bald eagle in boycott call BRITISH holidaymakers are being the eagle's nest when there has never By NICK NUTTALL



The bald eagle: one of America's rarest and most celebrated birds

urged to boycott charter flights by airlines such as Airtours, Britannia and Leisure International which use Orlando-Sanford airport in Florida.

sunshine state, follows the felling of a nest housing one of America's rarest and most celebrated birds - the bald eagle, the country's national symbol.

The Florida Audubon Society, founded in 1900 and one of America's oldest wildlife protection groups, says in the past five years the airport has changed "from a place where grass grew through the cracks in the runways into a destination for hundreds of thousands of British tourists

The airport authorities want to build more runways to handle the increased traffic, but, say protesters, construction will threaten sensitive environmental areas, including wetlands and endangered species. The society is urging holidaymakers

to pick flights going to Orlando International, which it claims is more convenient for the key attractions of central Florida, including Disney World and the MGM Studios.

The dispute came to a head with the destruction of the eagle's nest, which

was in the path of one of the proposed

runways. The airport authority claims the nest

was a "public safety hazard". The Audubon Society, however, insists that the airport and state wildlife officials have broken the law in allowing the felling, which took place earlier this month. Last week the state's Game and

Freshwater Fish Commission accept-

ed that there should have been a public hearing and that a permit should have been issued for the nest destruction. The Audubon Society is considering legal action. sites in the area, called Seminole County, could be at risk. The county is

home to 40 active nests, and seven eaglets fledged during the 1996/97 nesting season, according to the Audubon EagleWatch Programme and the commission. Federal aviation statistics show that

collisions between aircraft and eagles are rare. Most reported damage comes from waterfowl and gulls.

Charles Lee, the society's senior vice-president, says: "We can't figure out why the airport decided to destroy

destroying the nest and avoid having to redesign the proposed runway. "If you want to help the baid eagles. check with your prospective carrier choose one that flies to Orlando International." Britannia says that congestion has

been an airliner accident with eagles

in Florida. We think that all the

airport officials wanted to do was

concoct a bogus safety issue to justify

become so bad at the old airport that it has been forced to switch to Sanford. "It was hot and overcrowded," said a

spokeswoman. "Since we moved to Sanford the satisfaction rating has gone up dramatically. mentally aware airline and take conservation matters extremely seriously. This is really a battle between

the Orlando airport authorities and the local environmental groups. Jack Wert, tourism director for Seminole County based in Heathrow, Florida, says: "We do not want any situation to deter holidaymakers from coming here."

He said that there were no eagles in the nest when it was felled and that the birds would return to another, less hazardous, site.

wildebeest of the Serengeti as they follow the rains

• LEBANON: Now is the time to see the wonders of Baalbek and Byblos, before the tourists return

reports Susannah Jowitt from an Oxfordshire

# Britons cruise the Channel in luxury

By STEVE KRENAN

A NEW generation of potential cruise-ship customers are cutting their teeth on cheap cross-Channel excursions. Saunas, restaurants, casi-

nos and swimming pools. which are more typically found on Caribbean cruise ships, have flourished on luxury cruise-ferries heading for France. With prices as low as E9. thousands of Britons are taking advantage of low prices to experience a taste of the high life at sea. Brittany Ferries and P&O

European Ferries have invested heavily in ships operating from Portsmouth, Poole and Phymouth, in order to lure holidaymakers away from cheap prices offered at Dover. While prices are generally double those of Dover or Le

Shuttle, the two companies

High life: Caribbean-style cruise-ferries are flourishing

argue that the longer routes save driving time to the west coast holiday playgrounds while allowing drivers to break their journey.

Their move has also created spin-off market for short. ship-based cruises. Stephen Shaw, the finance director of Brittany Ferries, says: "What we had to do with the longer routes was to make the experi ence more pleasurable. Instead of charging down the autoroute, people could relax with a glass of wine. We are now offering a lot of mini-cruises, which appeal to people who simply want to go there and back. It has become a recognised product."

Brittany will next week launch £9.95 fares for 24-hour excursions on its Poole-Cherbourg route. The offer will be

available on other routes from September 15 until Christmas. The company has invested £350 million on three ships operating to Caen, St Malo and Cherbourg. Last year, the AA gave five-star awards for on-board facilities and services to the Val de Loire. Bretagne and Duc de Normandie.

Cinemas, restaurants and playrooms are standard on all ships. The ten-deck Val de Loire, which operates a 24hour crossing to Santander in northern Spain, also boasts a swimming pool.

P&O's Pride of Le Havre.

operating from Portsmouth. has four restaurants and a carvery, plus casino, pool and sauna. Both companies also offer entertainment, with magicians often wandering the ship to entertain children. Foot passengers to Le Havre

or Cherbourg can travel with P&O for £9, with up to 36 hours allowed in France. With extensive duty-free facilities on board, and abundant markets in the French ports. Britons are taking the

opportunity to combine a ferry

cruise with shopping.

A sample P&O itinerary may be travelling out from Portsmouth on the 10pm sailing, arriving in Le Havre at 7am and leaving at 4pm,

arriving home at Spm. Both companies also sell three-day tickets, with P&O currently offering fares of £59 (booked by September 12 for travel by the 14th) to Le Havre and Cherbourg, to include a car and two passengers.

P&O European Ferries (0990)



## We love Volga boatmen

rivers are now the third most popular rivers in the world for British holidaymakers. Harvev Elliott writes. More than 15,000 Britans sailed on the two waterways last year compared with 10,000 on the Danube, 5,000 on the Rhône and 2000 on the Mississippi. according to the Passenger Shipping Association.

The growth in demand for cruises in Russia has helped to triple the popularity of river cruising over the past five years. At least 144,000 people will take a cruise this year. compared with only 44,000 in 1992, according to Bill Gibbons, director of the PSA.

Almost half the 70,000 who cruise the Nile will travel with Thomson. The lifting of the Foreign Office ban on travel in middle Egypt has enabled operators such as Swan Hellenic to reintroduce its 600mile Nile cruises between Cairo and Aswan.

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The Princess denied that she had described Tory policy as "hopeless" in an interview with Le Monde, but as constitutionalists and Tory MPs reacted with outrage Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, intervened to exploit her remarks for the maximum political capital ..... .... Pages 1, 16

#### Police inquiry into MI5 revelations

Scotland Yard's Special Branch has begun a criminal investigation into a possible breach of the Official Secrets Act by David Shayler, the former MI5 officer. The investigation follows Mr Shayler's revelations about bugging operations against individuals, including Peter Mandelson .... Pages 1, 17

#### Warship rescue

A Bedford couple and their sixyear-old son had to be rescued by the crew of HMS Illustrious after their vacht was battered for three days by 30ft waves in the Bay of Biscay .. ..\_Page i

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The world of Celtic literature was in turmoil over allegations that Derick Thomson, one of Scotland's best-known Gaelic poets had been "blatantly plagiarised" by a Cornish writer.....Page 3

George Harrison, the former Beatle, says British groups are rubbish and the best thing about the Spice Girls is that "you can watch them with the sound ....Page 5

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Discordant note

Motorists who face prosecution for driving without due care and attention are being offered the alternative of a course to improve their driving skills..... Page 6

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the last panel of the Bayeux tapestry, showing the Saxon nobles surrendering and William the Conqueror being crowned Page 7

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Two British Airways jets with more than 300 passengers came within 400ft over Kent when an air traffic controller told the wrong plane to descend ... Page 7 expectations.....

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Aberdeen schools may ban pets because keeping classroom guinea pigs is cruel. They could be replaced with videos and CD-Roms of rabbits and mice in their natural environment.......Page 8

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Al Gore made at least 86 fundraising calls to America's richest lawyers, businessmen and philanthropists, who later gave \$3.7 million to the 1996 Democratic campaign .... ..... Page 10 Rainforest raiders

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mafia as details emerge of the gangland assassination of a leading young publisher..... Page 12 Montserrat blow British officials on Montserrat admitted that a voluntary evacua-

tion of the island which began on

Saturday had not lived up to their

#### Monkeys ape children's sculptures

Capuchin monkeys enjoy modelling clay into shapes and decorating it with paint and leaves, American researchers have found. They are said to be "very focused". On standard educational scales, the capuchins resemble human children aged about 18 to 24 months. Just like infants, they abandon what they have made as soon as they have finished ..... Page 3



Israeli tanks pause for ice-creams and cold drinks from a civilian snack van during an exercise on the Golan Heights yesterday

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**TOMORROW** 

IN THE TIMES

Margaret Kenyon tells

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Outlook; showers will die out during Friday with all parts seeing some sunshine. On

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Russia is doing its best to ignore Operation Sea Breeze 97, the large military exercise that Nato is carry ing out around the Crimean Peninsula, but it has every reason to be annoyed - The Moscow Times

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#### Louse upon a wheel

Mark Shayler had already provided ample evidence of his own untrustworthiness and unsuitability for intelligence work. It is the agency's failure to see this which will damage it most ........ Page 17

#### Land of danger

Washington must hope that Mr Jang can help it check the ballistic missiles programme as well; for it is these weapons above all that make North Korea the most dangerous country on earth ... Page 17

Undiscovered country Those who yearn to see Libya's cultural heritage should be patient. All but the most desperate or determined should wait another few years before they visit ...... Page 17

#### COLUMNS

#### **MAGNUS LINKLATER**

Lord Irvine recently posed the question of whether editors would prefer a law of privacy enacted by Parliament, or one created piecemeal by judges. There is no doubt of the answer ...

#### **ROGER BOYES** How, after the discrediting of Nazi eugenics, could compulsory sterilisation of the racially and socially "inferior" be continued in the developed world?.....

PETER RIDDELL The euphoric, Teffon-coated phase is now over. Mr Blair will have to start delivering on the promises

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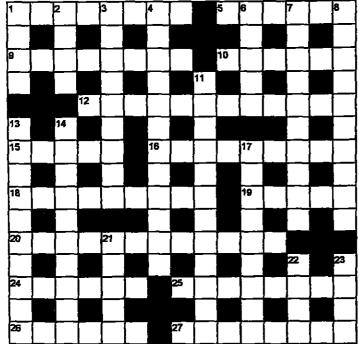
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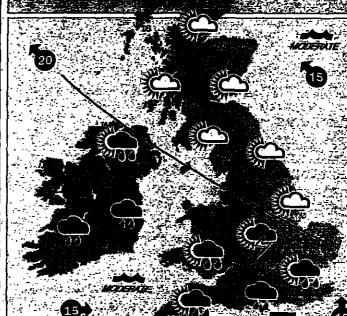
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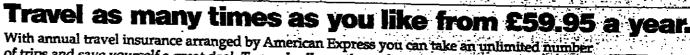
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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

Board stands by strategy

of chief who walked out

# Troubled WH Smith rules out break-up

WH Smith, the stores group that recently lost its chief executive, has ruled out

Jeremy Hardie, chairman, said the board remained committed to the strategy it em-barked on under the leadership of Bill Cockburn, who costro-versially quit after only 18. months to take up a senior job with British Telecom. That did not involve the sale of any more usinesses, or a break-up.

Analysts have sugges that the demerger of the main. store chain from Smith's other businesses, including Waterstone's book shops and Virgin Our Price, the music chain, could release \$500 million more than the group's current stock market value of about £1.1 billion. Mr Hardie said: There's a, huge gap between doing that arithmetic.



Hardie "huge gap"

which takes about four min-utes, and thinking it's a good

Keith Hamill, finance director, denied suggestions that he had been "hawking" the idea of a break-up around City institutions. But he was more circumspect than Mr Hardie when asked if he was in favour of such action, saying that what the beard will decide to do through an orderly process is what leremy has outlined. That is a formulation that the

entire board has agreed.

Meanwhile, it emerged that Mr Cockburn has agreed to waive the £35,000 or so he was due to receive in salary for next month, before joining BT in October. Mr Cockburn has been criticised for walking out on the company only 18 months into what he had

described as four-year Mr Hardie said none of the

four candidates interviewed for the post had suggested that Smith's strategy was wrong. The candidates include Stuart Rose, who recently left Burton, and Alan Giles, John Hancock and-Richard Handover, respectively the heads of Waterstone's, Smith's US businesses, and the group's magazine and newspaper dis-tribution business. It is believed a decision will be made

The group announced a 39 per cent improvement in underlying pre-tax profits to £124 million. Mr Hardie said this was at the low end of City expectations because a £6 million write-off of slow moving music, videos and books in the main retail business, which is regarded as the group's main problem.

The recent Budget changes

on the taxation of dividend write off £73 million of previously recognised profits arising from its lengthy pension fund contribution holiday. This cut pre-tax profits to £51 million. Last year the group incurred a loss of £194 million, the first in its 200 year history.

Profits at WH Smith Retail rose from £41 million to £43 million on sales 1.5 per cent higher at £788 million. In the first 11 weeks of the current year, sales are up 3 per cent, or 2 per cent on a like-for-like

Across the group as a whole, the first 11 weeks' sales are 9 per cent higher, or 7 per cent like for like. This encouraging start helped Smith's shares to recover early losses, closing 9p

higher at 376 p.
Waterstone's increased profits a third to £20 million on sales 11 per cent higher at £200 million.Virgin Our Price saw a £4 million decline to £14 million because of a lack of big releases. However, this half will be helped by the new Oasis album, which sold 104,000 copies through Virgin Our Price on its release date last Thursday WH Smith Retail sold a further 42,000 copies over the first three days.

The news distribution business raised profits £9 million to £44 million, helped by £4 million of cost savings.

WH Smith will pay a final dividend of 10.4p a share to maintain the total at 15.65p.



# Miners join forces in effort to save **Asfordby** million mine has not only

brought a split within the

NUM, but also within the

Labour Party. David Taylor.

who won his seat from the

Conservatives in May, yester-

day called on John Battle, the

Energy Minister, to intervene, something Mr Battle has reso-

"We need the Labour Party

support to show commitment

to the coal industry." said Mr

Taylor. I'm going to contact

John Battle's office today and

try to get a meeting to lobby

RJB, which has spent £40

million on the mine in the past

two years, claimed geological

problems were behind its clo-

sure. The Mansfield meeting

ider a report from Alan

But his report has been

delayed because RJB refused

to allow him down to the

coalface. The UDM hopes to

have the report next week

which it can show to prospec

An RJB spokesman said the

coalface was flooded and un-

safe, and that £6 million of

equipment was stuck in an

irrecoverable position. We

have allowed the engineer

access to every part of the pit

we consider to be safe."

tive purchasers of Asfordby.

lutely refused to do.

SENIOR officials of the National Union of Mineworkers and the Union of Democratic Mineworkers have joined to-gether for the first time since the split during the 1984-85 miners' strike in an attempt to save Asfordby, the Leicestershire superpit closed last week by RJB Mining.

Despite opposition from Arthur Scargill, the NUM president, Peter Smith, the secretary to come out and give us full of the Leicestershire NUM, esterday travelled to the UDM headquarters at Mansfield in Nottinghamshire for a summit on Assordby. Also at the meeting were Neil Greatrex, the UDM president, Andy Wilkie of Nacods, the pit deputies' union, and David Taylor, the MP for Leicestershire North West.

yesterday was hoping to con-After the meeting Mr Smith. whose union represents a third of the 450 Asfordby miners, said: "We've had 13 years of politics but we've got 13 weeks to save the pit. Our members have instructed me to do whatever I can to keep the pit open. I'm expressing the views of my members."

The meeting took place despite Mr Scargill's opposition and with the NUM leader refusing to acknowledge that it would take place. "We've nothing but contempt of the UDM and will not sit down with the UDM," he said. Despite requests, RJB Mining has refused to allow union vice-president Frank Cave and myself a visit to Astoroby to

The UDM split from the NUM during the 1984-85 strike, which the NUM lost after fighting for nearly a year. The last offical contact between the unions was in December 1985. The closure of the £360

RJB is starting to remove mining equipment from the rest of the pit, a move which has angered Asfordby miners. The company is also

ning to take up to 300 of the Asfordby miners to visit three other pits where RJB hopes to offer them jobs. The nearest. Dawmill in Warwickshire, is over 25 miles away from Asfordby and the other two

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Widening

Britain's trade deficit widened in June, providing firm evidence that the strong pound is hurting exporters. The global trade gap increased from E733 million to £950 million as import growth, boosted by the consumer boom, outstripped growth in exports. Page 24

#### Building up

Marley, the construction company, expects house building activity in Britain to remain unaffected by the four interest rate rises since the General Election.

## **Trialtir** wheels out a champion

CARL LEWIS, the US Olympic sprint champion, is the big-money name promoting a

tiny company that says it wants to float on London's junior stock market (Adam Jones writes). Trialtir wants to join the

Alternative Investment Market and raise El million from a placing through Cheviot Capital, valuing it at £4.25 million. It has international rights to make and sell a mountain bike that can also be propelled by pulling on the handlebar. The bike will be sold through the

QVC television shopping channel and other outlets. Trialtir, about 70 per cent owned by its directors, said its operations made a profit of £56,000 for the nine months

ended June 30. It claims it could make profits of £1.875 million before tax.

# Fidelity's flagship fund to turn away investors

changes its thinking on indus-

FIDELITY MAGELLAN, the world's largest pooled investment fund, is to turn away new investors to prevent itself from growing more unwieldy. The fund, the US flagship of

Fidelity Investments, of Boston, had net assets of almost \$63 billion (£39 billion) at the end of last month. This is more than the total funds managed by all but the biggest British investment and insurance groups, and is 20 times the size of the largest UK investment

trust, Foreign & Colonial.

The size and reputation of Magellan, with its 4.3 million customer accounts, means that its actions are closely watched by followers of the US stock market. It can trigger big price movements when it

try sectors. Fidelity has said it will accept no new accounts for Magellan after the end of next month. It believes that the fund may be about to become more difficult to manage because of an anticipated flood of new money, prompted by a substantial improvement in the fund's investment performance since Bob Stansky took over its management in June

last year. inflows have already picked up noticeably in recent weeks. Robert Pozen, president and chief executive of Fidelity Management & Research. said that limiting access to the fund would allow Mr Stansky to "continue to manage the

fund in the most effective manner for its shareholders". The decision not to close to new investors until the end of next month is itself likely to encourage a rush to invest. Fidelity said it believed this notice period would be sufficiently short to prevent an unwieldy rush of inflows.

Magellan suffered a year of poor performance in 1995, prompting a wave of criticism of Fidelity, which responded with a series of management changes. In all, Magellan has
463 holdings in US companies, including giants of US
industry such as General Electric, Philip Morris, IBM, Oracle and Microsoft.

# BT and MCI stand firm on advisers' fees

By ERIC REGULY

refusing to increase the fees paid to their advisers even though the merger of the companies had to be renegotiated and is substantially delayed.

largest long-distance phone company, disclosed in a US Securities and Exchange Commission filing in March that they arrested to pay about \$110 and that they arrested to pay about \$110 and that they arrested to pay about \$110 and they are then they arrested to pay about \$110 and they are then they are the they are the that they expected to pay about \$118 mil-lion (£74 million) to financial and legal advisers, accountants and printers.

The largest single amount, \$47 million, was to be paid by BT, whose advi-sers were Rothschild Inc of New York. Sons in London, and Morgan Stanley, the Wall Street bank. Linklaters & Paines said a suit." its sister company NM Rothschild &

BRITISH TELECOM and MCI are handled the legal work in Britain. In spite of pressure from the advisers, BT is expected to keep the fee schedule largely intact. The advisers began working on the merger in mid-1996 and their work effectively doubled this

The transatlantic merger ranks among the lengthiest and most complex in corporate history. One BT official said: "I remember walking into a room and it was wall-to-wall lawyers. There must have been 25 of them. I asked lain Vallance [BT's chairman], what the



# Shell to shake-up its forecourt service

SHELL will today announce that it is to ditch up to 30 of its 50 forecourt suppliers as part of an internal shakeup designed to create a new breed of convenience store" forecourts.

The company, whose petrol profits have been hit by a forecourt price war, is to award a £100 million contract to Hays, the logistics company, and introduce a new range of own-label products. Shell will take direct control over every product it orders for its forecourts. Hays will distribute 90 per

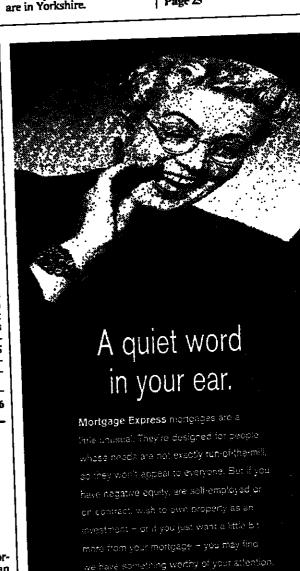
cent of its goods. The reforms will affect each of the petrol company's 850 wholly owned forecourts, most of which are open for 24 hours. City-based forecourts will

By Fraser Nelson

specialise in chilled food, while motorway stations will sell fast food that can be consumed in a car. Shell is currently negotiating the purchase of Gulf's 450 outlets. The 800 Shell service stations under private ownership are to be given the option as to whether they accept the new system.

BP last month scrapped its smaller suppliers and agreed a similar arrangement with Hays. However, BP handed the management of its forecourt stations over to Safeway on the ground that, as a petrol retailer, it was ill-equipped to understand the food retailing market.

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#### **Deal lifts** British Borneo

Shares in British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate rose 14p to 474p after news of a further investment in deep water oil exploration in the Gulf of Mexico.

British Borneo is paying \$37.5 million for a 60 per cent working interest in the Allegheny Field dev-elopment, offshore of Louisiana.

Reserves from Allegheny are estimated to be 52 million barrels, with four wells already drilled.

#### Sites bought

Rushmere Wynne, the book publisher and printer, is to buy Courts Consulting Group's residential training division for £6.5 million. The deal includes Eynsham Hall in Oxfordshire and Chewton Place near Bath. Coutts Consulting revealed pre-tax losses for the first half of this year of £7.7 million (£1.52 million profit). The dividend has been passed.

#### BIR sale

Macdonald Hotels has acquired a 50 per cent inter-est in Barratt Inter-national Resorts. a subsidiary of Barratt Developments, for £3 million and has agreed to assume debts of £800,000. BIR has six leisure resorts in Britain and three in Spain with a total of 30,000 timeshare owners

**TOURIST RATES** 



Jonathan Palmer, chief executive of Ugland International, which has lifted its interim pre-tax profits 94 per cent

#### Ugland set to pay more for carriers

UGLAND International, the shipping group, expects to pay an extra \$20 million (£12.8 million) for seven car carriers bought last year for \$160 million (George Sivell writes).

The carriers were acquired from members of the Ugland family in a restructuring of the quoted company and family interests. The three-year earnout part of the deal is, however, limited to \$40 million, with a maximum of \$20

million in any one year. Ugland, one-third owned by the family, lifted pre-tax profits 94 per cent, to £6.22 million, in the half year to June 30, aided by the seven car carriers.

Sales rose from £30 million to £47 million. Earnings per share fell from 6.59p to 4.60p after an increase in shares: the dividend falls from 2.63p to 2p. The payout has been balanced between the two halves now that Ugland has lost seasonal-ity by diversifying out of refrig-erated cargo. The E219,000 tax charge for the half reflects Ug-

the rise in the pound.

serve sales.

In the second quarter, export volumes, excluding oil and erratics, increased 5 per

cent. In contrast, underlying export prices have fallen 5.6

per cent in the past year, suggesting exporters have

been cutting margins to pre-

The pound yesterday recov-

ered some lost ground against the mark as it tracked the

dollar higher. Sterling closed up over a pfennig at DM2.9151

after concern over a German rate rise had initially prompt-ed the pound to fall to a two-

#### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## Oxford GlycoSciences postpones flotation

OXFORD GLYCOSCIENCES, the drug development company, looks highly unlikely to proceed with its planned stock market flotation this year after raising £8 million through a private share placing. The new money will allow the company, which is valued at more than £100 million, to fund its research activities for another year. This will enable it to avoid trying to raise money by floating while the stock market remains unenthusiastic about loss-making biotech-

Chris Ashton, Oxford GlycoSciences general manager for research products, insisted the company may still float towards the end of this year. However, the new money gives it more time to advance work on its lead products, including a recent design in chase I trials and macring a narmership deal cancer drug in phase I trials, and to secure a partnership deal for its core technology — a system of analysing proteins to identify therapeutic targets and disease markets.

#### Rolls wins £46m order

ROLLS-ROYCE has won a £46.6 million order for engines on Continental Airlines aircraft. The UK company, which today is due to report half-year results, received the order for the RB211-535 engines after the airline's decision to convert into firm orders five options for 16 additional aircraft that it announced in April. The new aircraft are to be delivered in June and December next year and February and March 1999. Rolls-Royce Canada has signed an agreement with the airline to repair and overhaul the RB211-535E4 engines on its 757 fleet.

#### Society head to retire

BILL MIDGLEY, the chief executive of the Newcastle Building Society, is to retire with effect from July 1, next year. Robert Hollinshead, who joined the society as finance director Robert Hollinshead, who joined the society as innance director in August 1992, has been appointed to succeed him. Tony Glenton, chairman of the Newcastle, said: "Bill Midgley has served the society with great distinction as chief executive for the past 12 years and deserves much of the credit for the size and strength of our business." Mr Midgley is likely to follow some of his many business and charitable interests.

#### T&B buys Irish company

TIBBETT & BRITTEN, the transport group, has acquired Neptune Freight, a privately owned Irish company based in Dublin with revenues of IrE3.3 million (£3.1 million) and net assets of IrE4.3 million in 1996. Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed. Neptune Freight is a logistics service provider, offering nationwide domestic distribution of a range of merchandise. The company is also involved in the provision of European and worldwide import and export services on behalf of Irish and overseas clients.

#### New chief for panel

PETER GOLDSMITH, QC, has been appointed as the new chairman of the Financial Reporting Review Panel, succeeding Edwin Glasgow, QC, who retires after five years in the role. Mr Goldsmith, who has been a member of the panel since 1985, will continue to practise at the Bar because the chairmanship is a part-time role. The FRRP reviews the accounts of public and large private companies to see whether they comply with the Companies Act and relevant accounting standards.

#### **Record for Readymix**

READYMIX, the construction company, increased pre-tax rofits 66 per cent to £6.5 million in the six months to June 30. The company said the record profits resulted from the contribution arising from the acquisition of RMC-Catherwood. The company said: "A buoyant economy in the Republic of Ireland ensured the continued expansion of the construction sector." Earnings per share rose 24 per cent to 9.75p and the dividend was increased 20 per cent to 1.56p.

## Wiggins damages claim

WIGGINS, the property group, yesterday launched a damages claim against Brent Council over the building of a leisure centre at Kingsbury, northwest London. The company claims the council failed to deliver promised incentives. Wiggins has made a £2.5 million provision against the development, which has been put on hold. Meanwhile, Wiegins reported pre-tax profits of £4.9 million (El million) in the year to March 31. Earnings per share were 0.66p (0.2p). There is no dividend.

#### Domnick Hunter ahead

DOMNICK HUNTER, the filtration systems manufacturer, yesterday reported a 9.1 per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £4.2 million to £4.6 million in the six months to June 30. Turnover was E31 million (E26 million) and earnings per share were 9.1p (8p): An interim dividend of 3.168p (2.88p) will be paid on October

# Trade gap points up strong pound's effect on exporters

than expected global trade

deficit was mainly the result of

a fall in the oil surplus, which

declined to its lawest level for

nearly four years. The under-lying trade deficit, excluding

oil and erratics, closed slightly

to £974 million, from £1.14

BRITAIN'S trade deficit widened in June, providing the first firm evidence that the strong pound is hurting

exporters.
The global trade gap increased from £733 million to £950 million as import growth, boosted by the consumer boom, outstripped growth in exports.

Statistics (ONS) said that the latest evidence suggested the deficit would continue to widen, although it said that the data remained erratic. But the deficit for trade with

non-European Union members in July fell from £713 million to £65 million — its lowest level for two years. The ONS said that the

billion in May. Simon Briscoe, director of sharp decline was mainly research at Nikko Europe, foredown to "erratics", including cast that with forward indicators pointing to a decline in the major sale of an an oil export confidence the deficit was drilling platform to Norway.

months. He said: "The corner probably has been turned the deficit is widening, but it is still modest and the deterioration will be gentle."
But Adam Cole, UK econo-

mist at James Capel, said: The latest trade figures are further confirmation that sterling's appreciation is failing to export significantly."

He claimed that underlying

export volume figures suggest-

# Smaller firms prefer share options

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

SMALL and medium-sized companies are relying on share options as incentives for directors in spite of Greenbury recommendations that longerterm plans should be used.

Some 82 per cent of industrial and service companies outside

options to reward top staff, according to a survey of more than 1,000 companies, while 74 per cent of small and medium-sized quoted financial and property firms depend on share options instead of long-term incentive plans. Monks Partnership, the re-

that FTSE 100 companies have scaled back their use of share options in the wake of the Greenbury report on executive pay and in response to pressure from institutional shareholders. Large companies using only share options as incentives fell from 22 per cent in Monks's 1996 survey to 17 per muneration consultancy that

businesses using some form of options - either exclusively or mixed with other incentives fell from 71 to 53 per cent.

David Atkins, a Monks consultant, said: "Many smaller companies prefer straightforward share options because they are clearer to monitor."

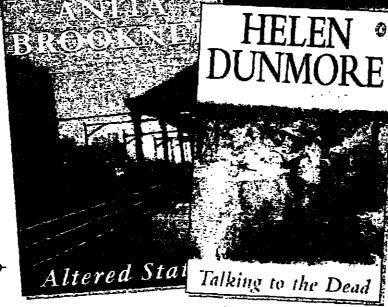
month low. Sterling's trade-weighted in-dex also closed up 0.3 at 101.9. while the FTSE 100 saw its first rise in three days, finish-

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# Professionals make up 41% of unions

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A TRADE union member is far more likely to be a doctor or lawyer than a factory worker. Figures from the Trades Union Congress show that professionals such as managers, teachers, doctors and social workers now account for more than four in ten of all trade union members. The percentage has

climbed to 41 per cent in 1996 from 32 per cent in 1995, according to a Labour Force Survey. Just 13 per cent of union members are plant

people, down from 7.2 million the previous year. Unions are expecting membership to grow under the Labour Government and its commitment to union recognition in the workplace where more than half of the staff demands it. But figures have not yet started to feed through to the

last year stood at 6.9 million

The north-south divide is still evident in union membership, with more than 40 per cent of workers in the north of

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hen Bill Cockburn dis-gracefully walked out on his £425,000 a year job as chief executive of WH Smith

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# Still grim reading at WH Smith

Group two months ago, he cost his shareholders £100 million of stock market value. Despite his depar-ture, 18 months into what he had ing director, has insisted on £6 million of stock writedowns. But described as a four-year timea year ago Mr Cockburn was claiming that by focusing on a narrower range of stock, the group was freeing up the equivalent of 50 new stores. There is around, the books and music retailer is determined to stick-to the strategy that he had devised.
Should ivestors he as sanguine as
Jeremy Hardie about this?
The issue for WH Smith recertainly no evidence of the sort of substantial improvement immains the same as ever how does it make money from its flagship chain in the high street? Mr. Hardie, the chairman, insists there is a big market for a mainstream store specialising (specialising) in books, videos, music and stationery—all areas where the group has market shares of 20 per cent or more, although this includes the Virgin Our Prie music stores and Waterstone's book shops. He insists that WH Smith can be and is mains the same as ever: how does plied by those remarks, and Mr Hardie concedes that not all Smith's store innovations have proved successful. The answer, he says, does not lie in a new format for the stores. It is much more mundane, and involves better buying, tighter stock con-trol and generally more efficient

organisation. Well, we will see. In the mean-time, Mr Hardie has ruled out the option of breaking up the group. His most pressing job is to select The trouble is, we only have his word for it. It is impossible to Mr Cockburn's successor from the highly publicised list of can-didates. Mr. Hardie says, in interviews, none of the four has discern any significant improve-ment from yesterday's full-year results, which show the profits from WH Smith Retail creeping ahead from £41 million to £43 suggested the group's strategy is wrong — but then, in the circumstances, that is perhaps hardly surprising. Stuart Rose, formerly of Burton, is currently without a job, and the other three confirmed candidates are internal barons. It improvement because Beverley Hodson, the newly appointed (and is also clear that Keith Hamill. Smith's generally well-regarded finance director, does not share



**COMMENTARY** by our City Editor

Mr Hardie's conviction that the group should rule out a breakup. It is true that the main problem facing the group seems to require retailing skills but it still seems odd for the ambitious Mr Hamill to rule himself out of the race for the top job - unless he is unwilling to agree to the terms on which it is offered.

Is Mr Hardie keeping Smith's options open, or is he essentially seeking a yes-man? Shareholders should find out.

#### Smaller firms take the best option

hanks to the meddling of those who see the cor-porate governance debate as a career opportunity, major companies have been encouraged to find ever more com-plicated ways of incentivising their management. The details of directors' bonus schemes and their various long-term incentive

plans can now spread over should be issued, but the prinseveral pages in annual reports. But it seems it is only the big boys who have succumbed to the deliberations of the Greenbury Committee, the agitating of PIRC, and the expensive advice of that latest breed of corporate piranha, the remuneration con-

The cheering news is that the majority of quoted companies outside the Footsie are sticking with share option schemes as the means of motivating managers.

sultancy.

They are not stupid to see the ment in keeping things simple. Share options provide a straight-forward way of harnessing the aims of management to the desires of investors, surely the essence of what most sharehold-ers want from good corporate governance, even if the demands of PIRC's Anne Simpson and her colleagues go somewhat further.

There are issues over the level at which options should be priced and the number that

cipie of turning managers into long-term shareholders has obvious logic New research shows that the

number of FTSE companies now relying solely on share options has dropped from 22 per cent to 17 per cent in the last year, with a consequent increase, no doubt, in the fees paid to remuneration consultants and the boardroom time devoted to the subject of pay. In the next tier of the stock market, however, an overwhelming 82 per cent of industrial and service companies are sticking loyally to share options, and share cotions alone. Major investors may have been

persuaded that something more is needed if key individuals are to be tied into companies for several years but loyalty that cannot be bought by a raft of manuring share options is hardly likely to be secured by any more complicated scheme. The only sure benefi-ciaries of the schemes are the

Lower costs

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Kalon with

a record

By Fraser Nelson

KALON, the decorative paints producer that bought

Euredep two years ago, has returned record profits after

resolving the teething difficul-

ties that arose from the

merger.
The company, whose managing director is Mike

Hennessy, returned pre-tax

profit of £24.4 million (£19.6

million) in the six months to

June 30, as it commanded

lower raw material costs. Pop-

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some retail label business held UK sales growth at 5 per

Its core French division

mounted a strong recovery as

new centres opened in Nice

and Bordeaux taking margins up from 5.5 per cent to 6.7 per cent — still behind the 10.4

per cent achieved across the

roun, Success in Hungary

allowed its international divi-

sion to lift profits by 36 per

Overall, earnings were 4.27p (3.7p) a share. An inter-

im dividend of 2p (1.7p) is due

In spite of its efforts to

hedge against the strenth of

sterling, currency fluctuations

wiped around E27 million

from group turnover, leaving the overall figure at £243 million (£277 million). The

company still generates some

60 per cent of its sales from

cent, to £4.6 million.

on October 8.

cent to £96 million.

consultants who are paid to devise them. Perhaps it is an indication of their own suspicions that the market for expensive advice may be drying up that one major consultancy, Monks Partnership, has produced a 100-page study entitled: Long Term Rewards - Choosing the Right Plan. Yours for just

#### Pleasure palaces to please planners

A ecording to that strange breed known as "futurists", we were supposed to be heading for a period of "cocooning", in which, afeared of what was going on outside, we would cling to our hearths and indulge in comfort food.

But not yet. Spending on entertainment outside the home is souring to record levels, with cinema attendances now double the level to which they had recently sunk, restaurants erupt-ing in unlikely places and, regret-tably, a glut of ghastly formulaic

The huge leisure complex is today's sought-after investment. But, while the punters may be enthusiastic about such develop-

ments, planners tend to be less than happy about playing host to a pleasure palace unless the scheme is a dramatic improvement on what was there before. On the basis of this simple truth, property people are becoming increasingly enthusiastic about the prospects for two companies that have already made their mark on the English

landscape, Blue Circle and RMC. The cast-off of the first is already being turned into Bluewater Park, the upmarket new shopping centre in Kent. The second can claim responsibility for Thorpe Park, scene of many a princely splashing on the

log flume.

Both could provide sites for more imaginative developments for the public pleasure. Fill in a pit with water, line up the jet skis. and away you go. Surely only the meanest planner would find fault with that.

#### Marshall law

SIR Colin Marshall has surprised many with the ease with which he has given up his hands on role at British Airways. Now he has a raft of other involvements, ranging from drumming up investment for London through London First to a host of directorships. But as BA admits that, having been buffered by strike action. it is now turning away business at Heathrow, is it time for Sir Colin to be just a little less of a non-

# Rate rises will not hit new homes, says Marley

MARLEY, the construction materials company, expects housebuilding activity in Britain to remain unaffected by the four consecutive interest rate rises since the May gener-

al election.

Tony Alexander, chairman, said: "During the remainder of the year, we expect new housebuilding activity in the UK to be maintained at the current level and favourable. trading conditions to continue in most of our overseas

Prices for some of Marley's up by the end of the year. Mr Alexander said: With clay and concrete product prices up by 10 per cent and an increase in housing in the South East

#### James Keen

Our report (September 25, 1996) "UBS fined over concealed £9m losses" dealt with the outcome of disciplinary proceedings brought by the Securities and Futures Authority against UBS and two of its traders, one of whom was James Keen. We wish to make it clear that the SFA never suggested that Mr Keen deliberately concealed losses or conducted secret trades, or that he acted dishonestly. We apologise for any embarrassment caused if our report was understood to suggest otherwise.

#### Topps up

Topps Tiles, the chain of specialist tile shops that came to the market in June, lifted pro-forma pretax profits 25 per cent from £2 million to £2.5 million in the year to May 31. Adjusted pro-forma earnings per share were 10p (6.56p), with current like-for like sales growing 16 per cent.

#### Beales blow

Beales Hunter, the refrigeration and electrical components company, suffered a fall in pre-tax profits to £2.11 million (£3.28 million) in the year to May 31. Earnings fell to 14.2p a share from 21.8p. The final dividend is maintained at 7.8p a share, leaving the total unchanged at 10.7p.

#### Keller ahead

Keller, the ground engineering business, reported a modest 2.2 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £4.7 million (£46 million) for the six months to June 30: Earnings were 5.2p (4.7p) a share. An interim dividend of 2.1p (1.95p) will be paid on October 31. The group's overseas divisions disappointed.



While the UK market is still

only just recovering from the severe recession of the early 1990s, trading conditions in

proved significantly in the first

half, compared with a year

earlier. On top of the higher

activity, foreign subsidiaries also improved their financial

results through increased effi-

The only "disappointment"

in overseas markets was

South Africa, which saw only

slow growth, Mr Alexander

said. America and Germany

were the best-performing sub-

sidiaries. The growth in

Germany came as a surprise.

Most analysis still regard the

German construction sector as the sick man of Europe.

Marley is continuing to

pursue its strategy of overseas expansion and hinted that it is

looking for small bolt-on ac-

quisitions. The company pur-

chased the Flexco commercial flooring business of Robbins

Inc, in America, for £24.8 million earlier this month.

Marley said that the acquisi-

ciencies, Marley said.

Mike Hennessy was delighted by the popularity of Kalon's Deval wallcoverings

## **Credit Suisse rises** before merger vote

tion, which is aimed at ex-CREDIT SUISSE, the Swiss interim profits yesterday.

Marley's interim dividend, to be paid on October 31, was left unchanged at 2.lp, but the company said that it expects to increase the final dividend. Earnings per share went up from 4.2p to 5p. Pre-tax profits after exceptionals fell to £24.5 million, from £63.2 million. tional items.

panding its plastics business. banking group, which will bewill be completed on tomorcome one of Europe's largest row. Mr Alexander said: financial services companies With the clearance of US after completing its merger with Winterthur, the insurer. regulatory requirements, the announced a 19 per cent rise in now

agreements is unconditional. In the first half of 1997. profits before tax and exceptionals were SFrl.68 billion (£700 million). The bulk came from Credit Suisse First Boston, the investment banking arm, which contributed SFr1.3 billion before tax and excep-The investment bank's costs

Tempus, page 26 rose 40 per cent because of

## rising bonus payments, although the cost-to-income ra-tio fell slightly, to 67.7 per cent.

Costs also rose 10 per cent in the asset management arm. which was in line with expansion plans, said Credit Suisse. International private banking saw profits of SFr882 million

before tax and exceptionals. The Swiss corporate and individual customers division incurred a pre-tax loss of SFr177 million, a reduction from last year's first-half deficit of SFr357 million. Shareholders in Winterthur and Credit Suisse are to vote

on the merger on September 5.

# Gas competition worries rejected

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

COMPETITION in domestic gas is to start in Scotland and the North East on November 1 against the wishes of the Gas Consumers Council and many gas companies. Clare Spottiswoode, the gas

regulator, has rejected claims that the system is not ready to cope with the roll-out of competition to another 25 million households. Administrative and technical problems have already occurred in southern England. The programmes have also been dogged by aggressive marketing by rivals to British Gas Trading.

out dates by which the rest of the country will be able to shop around for their gas.

Sue Slipman, director of the Gas Consumers Council, said: "We are worried that the early opening of the market will lead to higher levels of problems for consumers than would have been created by a later starting date."

Rivals to British Gas Trading, the supply arm of Centrica, have also warned that the system devised by Transco - the pipelines network - may not be able to support large switches of cus-

#### The Group results as above are unaudited HIGHLIGHTS Asset growth for the half year of 5%.

Net retail receipts and net martgage lending both well

Mortgage losses reduced by 37%

Strong gross capital position of 8.5%

High solvency ratio of 16.0%.

Paul Hughes, Chief Executive, commented: The Cheshare is the largest remainal society in the North West and reports amother strong performance for the first balf of 1997. We continue to ficea on traditional core humines activates and this has enabled the Society to increase its share of the savings

"Murigage loses have again reduced agrapheantly and this trend is also reflected in

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#### we are about to revolutionise HAMMICKS, the bookseller, the book trade. There are yesterday unveiled plans to many people who would love shake up the book trade by try like Sweden." to have their own bookshop, creating up to 50 franchise but book retailing is comshops over the next five years. plex." He said there were The move will triple the size about 3,000 independent of Hammicks and provide bookshops in Britain, stockstiff competition for indepening a wide range of books and providing a high standard of dent bookshops in market and commuter towns.

Hammicks plans franchised chain

Hammicks hopes to open 50 shops within five years

The company, whose pre-ferred suppliers include Little. Brown and HarperCollins. said the shops would have the regular features, but also the advantage of Hammicks's bulk-buying power.

Trevor Goul-Wheeker. Hammicks, said: "I believe towns," he said. There is no

The gas regulator also set

customer service.

Hammicks's plans were given a cautious welcome yesterday by Sydney Davies, of the Booksellers' Association. "Small bookshops are under pressure anyway from chains such as Waterstone's, which managing director of are moving into market

reason why a franchise chain should not succeed, and it already works well in a coun-

Hammicks was founded by Charles Hammick in 1968 and today has 25 high street outlets, a turnover of £29 million and 300 employees.

The company will train its franchisees and provide them with help, information and advice. They will share central services such as buying. marketing, administration

and accounting.
Franchisees will need initial capital of about £60,000. with a total investment of about £165,000.

# Communication executive goes at Securicor

SECURICOR, the security and mobile phone group, yesterday announced the departure of the head of its struggling communications division and promised more management changes as the

business is restructured. Edmond Hough, chief executive of the communications division and a group director, has left the company by "mutual agreement". It was known that Roger Wiggs, Securicor's chief executive, coverings lifted UK operating profit 53 per cent to £12.6 million. However, the loss of had been seeking for some time to replace him.

The communications division comprises 40 per cent of Cellnet, the second-largest mobile phone company, and the

telecoms service businesses in Britain and America. Lately, Mr Hough had been spending most of his time in America, where Securicor's Intek business has been rolling out a new low-frequency wireless network that is used

by some emergency services. The American communications businesses will now re-

# By Eric Reguly port directly to Mr Wiggs,

while the British businesses will report to Christopher Shirteliffe, finance director. Mr Hough's departure coincides with the rise of Robert

Shriver, the American who has been appointed chairman and chief executive of Intek. Mr Shriver will assume many responsibilities. Securicor's earnings fore

casts were downgraded after the company took a series of provisions. It took 40 per cent share of two charges, totalling £65 million to cover the costs of a faulty billing system that was installed this year at

Cellnet.
In addition, it took a \$16 million charge relating to a change in the amortisation policy of subscriber recruit-

ment costs. Securicor shares, which have been underperforming the market since late last year

closed at 264p, down 11/2 p. Tempus, page 26

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# Rank shares get a lift from Bass bid interest

RANK, the Butlins to bingo group, whose shares have been largely seen as bombed out recently, hit better form vesterday as they were pushed 1412p higher to 360p.

On another quiet day with buying interest generally mut-ed. Rank benefited from faint whispers of bid interest from Bass. Weaker sterling and shortage of stock, as Rank continues its buyback programme, were also said to be behind the rise.

Talk of interest from Bass was given a hesistant reception. "Rank is vulnerable and anvone that comes in with a reasonable offer would probably get their hand binen off by investors," said one analyst.

But in spite of the attractions to Bass, up 15p at 82712p. of parts of Rank. such as its holidays division and the Hard Rock Cafe group, the whole package was not rated as particularly desirable to

Trading followed another uncertain course yesterday. with little institutional activity to provide momentum. After a wobbly start, with the index off nearly 17 points in early trading, a stronger futures market helped to propel the FTSE 100 back through 4.900, to rise 34 points at its best.

The market drifted lower after Wall Street's weaker opening, and at the close the FTSE 100 stood at 4,906.9, up 20.6. Volumes were very thin. however, with just under 520 million shares traded by the market close.

The utilities were the latest to see their shares buoyed by talk of buybacks. Among the best performers were National Power, which rose lop to 557 ap. PowerGen. up 10'2p at 775'2p and Scottish-Power, 512p higher at 44312p. Among water stocks. Severn Trent put on 12p to 86612p.

The weaker pound helped to cheer a raft f international groups higher, These included GEC, up 8p to 382p, with TI Group 9p higher at 60212p and British Aerospace climbing Hp to El4.481z.

Banks were mand, with a fresh bout of bid speculation helping Abbey Barelays jumped 10p to £14.14, while Lloyds TSB was ahead 15p to 73912p.

Strong figures on unit trust sales helped Schroders to climb 4212p to £18.05. Standard Chartered gave up further ground with a 1612p slide



Rank's Hard Rock Cafe is seen as an enticement for Bass

to 97712p, while among life assurance groups, Norwich Union rose 10p to 345<sup>1</sup>2p, with buying by tracker funds ahead of the group's inclusion in the FTSE 100 said to be boosting the share price.

Securicor ended 1112p lower to 264p after the departure of Ed Hough, head of its communications division.

Pharmaceutical stocks en-

Zeneca rose 15p to E19.56, with Glaxo Welicome adding 17p to £12.4012. Chiroscience, among the smaller drug stocks, rose 19p to 30312p. Scotia Holdings closed 12<sup>1</sup>2p better at 320p. Smithkline Beecham was off colour, however, with its shares marked 612p lower at 526p amid busy

Among retailers the best joyed a number of good rises. gains were seen by Marks &



Bass rose 15p to \$27 bp. but Whitbread was left languishing yesterday as its shares retreated 112p to 797p on talk of lower beer sales. Scottish & Newcastle, which has its annual meeting today, closed down 82p at 7234 p. while Vaux

The share price weakness follows the lacklustre trend pub and restaurant sector. which has lagged the FTSE all-share index this year. A number of factors are cited for its poor performance.

Martin Hawkins, an analyst with Greig Middleton, said: "There have been plenty of dynamic performances from more specialised outlets, but the core, traditional pub businesses

Mr Hawkins is, however.

continue to suffer."

fairly positive on the sector, though he says that there is retailing revolution. His buy list includes Scottish & Newcastle, but he adds that "there is a field of undervalued opportunities among smaller stocks". These include Wolverhampton & Dudley, Mansfield Brewery and Regent Boots ahead 18p to 817p and Next 11p higher at 77712p. Shares in WH Smith recov

ered from an early fall as the group reported year-end fig-ures at the low end of forecasts. The shares revived, to end 9p higher at 37612p, with more than three million

Insurers finding support included Commercial Union. which rose 912p to 73412p and GRE, up 16p to 282p.

Carlton Communications lost 1412p to 495p after reports that the end of the Channel 4 funding formula will cost it £31 million. Just behind Carlton in the listing of FISE 100 worst performers was BT, down 9p to 40412p, with 31 million shares traded, as the MCI deal was given further consideration.

Reckitt & Colman was bought up ahead of its interim figures, due out today. It ended at 981<sup>1</sup>2p, up 12<sup>1</sup>2p. Unilever, tipped as a possible predator for Reckitt & Colman, was 1812p lower at

Rolls-Royce, also reporting today, rose 412p to 25412p. The group announced a £46.6 million engine order from Conti-

Imperial Tobacco ended a penny firmer at 39412p, while BAT retreated 512p to 527p and Gallaher lost 5p to 18112p. Kalamazoo Computer ended 912p higher at 85p, having jumped 29p in trading earlier in the day. The rise was fuelled by news of Reynolds & Reynolds, the US group, taking a 22 per cent stake in Kalamazoo.

British Borneo, the oil exploration group, rose 14p to 473<sup>1</sup>2p after its acquisition of a 60 per cent stake in the Allegheny Field in the Gulf of Mexico. A buy recommenda-tion helped Enterprise Oil to

climb 5p to 6941 zp.

GILT-EDGED: Trade data left the gilts market largely unmoved and at the close the September series of the long ilt had eased back E532 to E114932, with 78,500 contracts completed.

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# **TEMPUS**

# New course for Magellan

prices in an effort to boost its

could trigger a price war. Securicor shareholders al-

ways held out hope that BT,

which owns the other 60 per

cent of Cellnet, would save

the day by purchasing the rest of Cellnet at a good

But BT lacks regulatory

approval to do so and is

ustomer numbers. This

HOW do you invest \$63 billion? This is more than an academic problem for the managers of Fidelity's Magellan fund whose sheer size is on a par with the market capitalisation of Glaxo Wellcome. Yesterday, Fidelity decided to close the US mutual fund to new investors, citing heavy investor cash inflows as a cause

Magellan's recent history has been about as stormy as the eponymous Straits at the tip of Latin America. A former captain of Magellan, Jeffry Vinik jumped ship last year after a controversial change of course from shares into bonds. His decision caused the vessel to drift into the doldrums at a time when the Dow was soaring. A new fund manager, Bob Stansky, has restored Magellan's stature with a focus on growth stocks but the problems do

Fidelity likes to pick stocks - an approach to investment that requires managers to take a view on markets and interest rates. Jeffry Vinik did just that but he got it wrong, not unlike his peers at our very own PDFM. But for a fund the size of Magellan, outperforming the market is even more difficult. A mere 5 per cent shift in asset allocation involves the reinvestment of \$1 billion, not the stuff of discrete stake-building.

Closing the fund to new money eases the ressure on Magellan's fund managers to find homes for the cash that accumulates in a bull market. Surely it would be more sensible to turn Magellan into an index-tracking fund? investors who choose to back stock-pickers are inevitably backing the market wisdom of one manager who can at best have a cursory knowledge of a \$63 billion portfolio.

currently more preoccupied

by its merger with MCl. In

the end, a break-up might

yield more value - some

analysis reckon the sum of

the parts is worth 300p but

who wants to be a minority

partner in a troubled

cellphone business? Share-

holders should use any rise

in the share price as an

opportunity to sell.

LOCKED IN A CELL

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#### Securicor

SECURICOR has always been held hostage by Cellnet, the mobile phone business in which it has a 40 per cent stake. When Cellnet was growing rapidly in the early to mid 1990s, Securicor grew with it. Now that Cellnet has fallen on hard times, Securicor is underperformet A turnr company is near future. lone, Cellnet aging direc-

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#### 631: FAST FOOD in the forecourt

is the right strategy but, unfortunately. Shell is the wrong company.

Belatedly, Shell has come round to the view that petrol retailing is a mere prop for the

serious business of selling higher-margin food and drinks to bored motorists. Shell will not reveal the performance of its UK marketing business, but the whole petrol retailing industry in the UK is thought to have lost some £500 million last year.

Instead of contracting, Shell is investing, buying up Gulf's petrol stations and taking a more pro-active role sumer goods. This should improve the pitiful returns from marketing petrol but investors should question why Shell is investing more in retailing when both it and its industry have such a poor track record in selling fuel profitably. At least BP acknowledged the problem

when it roped in Saleway to run its forecourt shops.

A brave oil company would rid itself of the burden of retailing a commodity prod-uct in the developed world where the environmental lobby ensures that petrol brands carry negative goodwill. Yet Shell cannot easily pull out of marketing fuel in Britain when it carries the cost of running two major refineries.

Europe is awash in petrol and Shell needs outlets for its production. Shutting down the Shell Haven refinery might be even more expensive than running a chain of moderately profitable road-side sweetshops

Marley

WHEN bust followed boom in the UK housebuilding market, Marley looked abroad. the move proved painfully ex-pensive. The strong pound has taken a large chunk out of term investment strategy. Marley's profits.

Sceptics had warned

against diversification from the start. Sterling was not then soaring but the doubters suggested that Marley was shifting its focus away from the UK just as the market

was about to recover. But Marley was right to invest in America, Europe, Asia and Africa when its critics demanded that it hang on for recovery in Britain. Building houses in the UK is still less profitable than in any of these overseas locations. Early signs of improvement at home have been countered by setbacks as modest attempts by Marley to increase its prices by a mere 3 per cent

Meanwhile, the overseas diversification strat paid off. Marley will still suffer from converting foreign profits into sterling but it ness. The swings and roundabouts of currency are hardly a reason to change a long-

drove away many customers.

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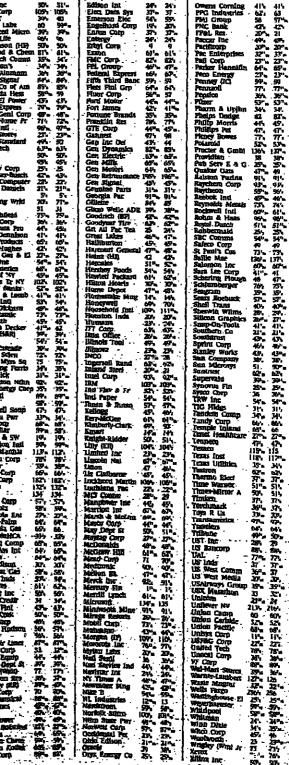
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surely clinches it. Bank's official definition of poverty. And other parts of the region are is extremely low, equivalent to held back by war or repression, surviving on roughly £1-a day in whose perpetrators may eventual-today's money. And nearly 350 ly realise what they are missing, million people, more than in any . Asian tigers such as South other region, are still eking out. Korea, Tarwan and Malaysia, such a marginal existence.

Three quarters of them are in China, the rest mainly in the more remote parts of other big empires. such as Indonesia. These are often peopled by racial minorities loathed by the centre. Outside Japan, El-a-day poverty has been abolished only in a few East Asian countries, notably in Singapore,

# Tarnished tigers still burn bright

South Korea and Tarwan. And as skilled workers carn bigger differ-

over the next dozen years. China's round the world, this one statistic enterprise revolution, though raturely clinches it.

The bad news is that the World and trade, is only in its infancy.

which grasped the baton of exportled growth from Japan in the 1970s are becoming wealthy, high-grade economies. When the currencies are in the right part of the sky, income per head of small economies such as Singapore and Hong Kong is fully comparable with most EU members states.

bigger economies are equivalent in size and potential only to individual European countries. Collectively, they are dwarfed by China. As medium-sized economic powers, they must increasingly look over their shoulders. They are vulnerable to the vicissitudes of world markets. They must fear the threat to their markets from China, the higger, cheaper newcomer as the next generation. They also

angst in Japan. This vulnerability is being brought home by the currency storms now hitting the region. They began in Thailand, which had seen enormous manufacturing growth but on a less secure base of domestic savings than others. A modest downturn soon produced a domestic financial crash and sent foreigners scut-

face the perils of making the

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tling. The baht has tumbled a third against the dollar, sending Thatland for a \$17 billion package from the International Monetary Fund.

The battle of the baht has been followed by attacks on the currencies of Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Taiwan, South Korea. Singapore and, briefly, even on Hong Kong's well-backed dellar. Dr Mahathir Mohamed, Malaysia's combative Prime Minister, has blamed George Surus and claimed that he had political motives. The begeyman of the foreign exchanges has hothy denied it.

Some of the attacks have little apparent logic, save that speculators cannot distinguish one econofrom another. But the combination of current trade deficits and heavy inward investment. repical of developing economies since the early growth of America. can leave a currency in the lurch if confidence suddenly evaporates.

IMF packages come with tough conditions, especially on rampant state spending. Even without the involuntary devaluations will force retrenchment all round South East Asia, setting back the livings of many of those hundreds of millions who are, by World Bank standards, no longer poor. Conglomerates are collapsing, restrictive tariffs are being dusted

down, projects are being shelved. Dr Mahathir has a point when he complains that the IMF should have been better prepared after the Mexico peso dehacle. Mediumsized countries need some counterweight to the immeasurably bigger combined forces of specula-

tors, if they are not to be forced into EU-type regional currency unions. Setbacks on the foreign exchanges are, however, rarely damaging for long. They can have the same painful but beneficial effect as the periodic blitz on custs to take out the lat in a business.

The longer-term challenge is to work out how your country can ride the economic rollercoaster driven on by each new country or continent that joins the compentive world. And to start moving that way. Singapore has long planned to be the Switzerland of Asia, a project that has brought disasters such as pushing wages up ahead

of a world recession. On the whole it has worked.

Today. Singapore is trying to wire up its whole economy to the information revolution. South Korea is seeing its industrial structure creak without having a new one for the next phase.

There seems linle point in medium-sized countries such as Britain, even within the EU. merely aping what is happening in the Far East. Still less is there cause to cut real wages to cut costs. a forlorn proposition given those 250 million Chinese yet to enter the economic mainstream. The tigers do not, on the whole, believe that they are in conflict with the next generation. The rich, if they rely on trade, have to build their own monopolies: of invention, creativ-

That is easier if you are small and lack the relatively poor who become more angry and troublesome as economies become wealthier. The City would make a highly competitive country. The challenge is to bring three or four more sectors to the same standard.

ity, quality and brand marketing.

# Wigan's peerless alpine proposals have sparked avalanche warnings

Dominic Walsh

on fears that

the burgeoning leisure park

industry may be riding for a fall

have a pier but it could soon boast its very own alpine ski village. The public's appetite for indoor leisure pursuits has developed to the point where a leisure park is operating or proposed in every large conurbation in the UK But the £150 million scheme unveiled this month by Wigan Council and Moorfield Estates is seen by some as the first sign of potential indigestion.

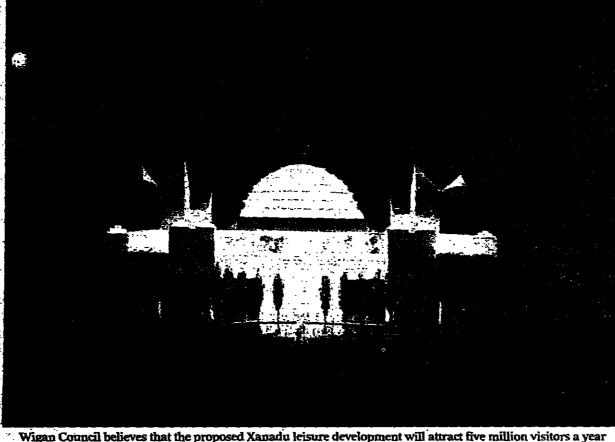
It is the sheer scale and breadth of the proposal, billed as the largest in the UK, that is causing alarm bells to ring. The 70-acre complex in Leigh. to be known as Xanadu (after Kublai Khan's fabled Chinese palace), will be housed in a 75 metre-high domed building the centrepiece of which will be a 375,000 sq ft "real" snow

The proposal talks of creating a "cinetropolis-style screen-based virtual reality experience" and megaplex cinema as well as an aquatics centre, hotel and a host of shops, restainants and bars.
The aim, according to Wigan
Council, which owns most of the land, is to create a flagship development in the North West that will attract five million visitors a year and increase the reputation of the

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region across the world". One leading leisure consul-tant said: This is horribly reminiscent of some of the crazy schemes of the late 1980s that were based around things like indoor hang-gliding centres. Some of the artists' impressions had to be seen to be believed, but most of them remained just that artists impressions.\*

John Sloane, borough planning officer for Wigan, admits the scheme is ambitious but he is adamant that the scale of the market demand, with the de-



Wigan Council believes that the proposed Xanadu leisure development will attract five million visitors a year

first in any field," he said. "After all, there had never been a major shopping centre before on the scale of the MetroCentre [in Gateshead]."

The key to the scheme's success, according to Moorfield Estates, is its location between Manchester and Liverpool, providing an esti-mated catchment of 20 million people within a 90-minute drive. Marc Gilbard, managing director, said there had already been strong interest from the big leisure and retail operators and he is confident of pre-letting a substantial proportion of the scheme as it goes through the planning process. Once a major part of the development is pre-let. finance for a scheme of this

nature and quality will be readily securable," he added. Moorfield has submitted a planning application in con-junction with Greenbank Partnerships, a developer based in Wigan, and has brought in Acer Snowmec, a subsidiary of Hyder, the Welsh water and

velopers calling the shots. electricity group, to develop going head-to-head in a catch- partner in charge of leisure at

Peter Gwilliam, a chartered

surveyor specialising in the leisure property field, said successful leisure parks are generally based around a multiplex cinema with restaurants and bars, and complementary attractions such as health and fitness, bingo and ten-pin bowling. He said: The multiplex is the all-important anchor, but where they start to get overcomplicated and overambitious you begin to ask questions.

The proliferation of multiplexes - there are currently more than 80, with around 30 on leisure parks - has been driven by the turnaround in cinema attendances. But Mr Gwilliam warned that the multiplex cinema market was rapidly approaching saturation. By the end of the year the total will have reached 100, and there another 50 or so at various stages of the planning

and development process, all

of them as part of leisure parks. Traditionally multi-

plex operators have resisted

is security, particularly at leisure parks with so-called family entertainment centres. which look set to become a feature of many of the proposed new parks. ass, First Leisure and Allied Kunick are all

to see that slip," he said.

"Where that has happened

there are already warning

Another potential problem

signs that trading is suffering.

developing centres with motion simulation rides and virtual reality technology. THI, the leisure group that has pioneered leisure parks, believes it is only a matter of time before they replace the cinema as the anchor for parks in some locations.

But without strict security they have the potential to become hangouts for bands of youths and gangs, and some investors are worried about the effect reports of stabbings and drug dealing are having on some centres. James Welch.

erry adviser, said: "Security is one of the major issues. A number of institutions have become slightly concerned when nightclubs are opened within the leisure parks. Most of their income comes from the sale of alcohol and it can create a different atmosphere."

Simon Leadbetter, of developer Marylebone Warwick Balfour, said that the provision of a safe, clean and attractive environment is es-

Mr Leadbetter added that while closed-circuit TV cameras might draw attention to a potential crime problem, an open approach was reassuring to both tenants and customers alike. He cited the example of Tower Park in Poole, Dorset, which highlights in its promotional literature the fact that all public areas are protected by 24-hour security cameras and personnel. In addition, trees have been thinned down and floodlighting increased to make the car park more visible, helping to halve the

**BUSINESS LETTERS** 

From Mr Noel Falconer Sir. I stood as an outside candidate for the board of British Gas at its last AGM. alongside eight directors seeking re-election, and 83,222 shareholders - a majority of the members who voted ~ One aspect of leisure parks supported me. Their holdings that does not appear to be a were overwhelmed by those of problem is funding, although the institutions, but still the size of the schemes tends to amounted to some 30 per cent exclude the smaller funds. of the shares voted.

In any fair electoral system this would have secured one scat from those eight or nine. Only, if Parliament were appointed as are ple directors. the entire electorate would vote in each constituency, so that whichever party secured a majority, however marginal, would occupy the Commons totally, without a single oppor-

prices are likely to rise. Among the higgest investors are MEPC. Norwich Union. owner of the recently opened Kings Park in Stevenage, and the British Airways Pension Fund, which has purchased the new Cardiff Bay leisure park. One of the biggest players is Marylebone Warwick Balfour, which has put together a £125 million leisure fund.

The biggest potential barrier to the growth of leisure parks. according to Mr Welch, is in the area of planning consent. Government moves to limit the number of out-of-town developments are having a major impact, with several big schemes having been called in and developers moving to smaller sites closer to the centre

compared to a year ago.

According to a recent briefing

note by Weatherall Green &

Smith, the surveyor, there is a

potential \$500 million of lei-

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number of proposed parks

He said: "We are likely to see more in-town multi-level multi-entertainment centres where the emphasis is on greater sophistication of design." Proposals of this type are in the pipeline in several cities. including Manchester, Glas-gow and Newcastle.

While the Wigan development appears unlikely to meet too many planning obstacles. recent trends would suggest the scope for more Xanadu-style developments may be limited. Block votes disenfranchise Sids sition MP. Similarly, the instirutions appoint every member of every board with their block votes, effectively disenfran-

chising Sids by the million. Predictably, the Hampel report neglects this. Small shareholders were excluded from Sir Ronald's committee. as they were from Cadbury and II and Greenbury, its predecessors, for all of which I volunteered. Craving power Labour undertook to assemble a more representative expert panel on corporate governance. In power . . . nothing.

Foxes are guarding the henhouse, and being indulged in their abuses. Yours sincerely NOEL FALCONER. 223 Bramhall Moor Lane, Stockport, Cheshire.

#### Taxpayers victims Supply strategy devalues brand

From Mr James M. Griffiths Sir. Adidas UK has acted naively in its decision not to supply Tesco directly. It is insulting to the Great British public that Adidas feels its brand is unsuitable for sale in an environment that so obviously suits such a large number of consumers.

This strategy is localised and is different from Adidas distribution in Europe and the US. where a variety of channels retail Adidas merchandise.

Managing distribution channels is key to the success of a strong brand. This action effectively fuels a grey market which threatens all Adidas retail outlets and devalues the brand. Surely working constructively with Tesco and proactively managing the market would be more beneficial to all (the brand, the specialist chain, the multiple and the consumer). Yours laithfully, JAMES M. GRIFFITHS. Casa de Campo.

Begur, Spain.

of 'rotten choice' From Mr Michael Gray Sir, By an interesting coinci-

dence the front page of the business section on August 19 gave two examples of how Gov ernment robs taypayers of money. IFirst, we gave £320 million to subsidise Asfordby colliery only to see it close two years later. 2Secondly, the profgenerated by Stagecoach bus and train services demonstrate the cheapness with which

taxpavers' assets were sold. Will this Government do any hetter? It looks set to subsidise another motor works at our expense to create jobs while cars are built to last longer than ever, yet must soon be used less, it will not be long before taxpayers have to fund the closure of most factories. Why are electors offered

such a rotten choice of Yours faithfully MICHAEL GRAY. Fairfield, Hillcrest Park. Exerer. Devon.

# Edging in

FEAR and loathing at HSBC James Capel, which hasn't been the same since when the affable Peter Quinnen used to run the show. The broker is suffering an invasion of personnel from NatWest. Douglas Baker, head of market making, is ex-NatWest, and has just brought in two former colleagues. Jim O'Donnell, chief executive officer, is an old NatWest hand, while sales, under James Rowsell, has brought in a handful of, yes, NatWest types, with rumours of more to come. Capel long-



Capel in a more affable way

servers are none too pleased. I hear some are wondering if their days are numbered.

DAVID TAYLOR, MP for Leicester North West, was at the union meeting yesterday trying to save the local Asfordby pit. Should he really have turned up in his VW Golf, complete with personalised number-plate TAY 110R, though? Taylor, David; yes, new Labour, class of 1997. Thought so. Wouldn't know his mushy peas from his avocado mousse.

#### Holy writ

SOME very cautious and very devout investors are being courted by the Alkhawarizmi Fund, which claims to be the first Islamically acceptable fund using a market-neutral strategy avoiding volatile ups and downs of the market. It also avoids companies with interests in pork, alcohol, tobacco, gambling or arms. The fund, managed by Barr Rosenberg, "is named after the 14th century Arab mathematician from whose name the word logarithm was derived".



the sharia is better than of history or etymology. He lived in the 8th and 9th centuries. He named algorithms and algebra: logarithm comes from the Greek.

#### Rubbish pile

DIRTY dealings down on the rubbish dump: the Environmental Trust Scheme Regulatory Body has had to raise administration lees from 1 per cent to 5 per cent after just a year of life because the nation's landfill operators have not been passing on the landfill tax they have been levying on dumpers of rubbish. The money is supposed to go to Let us hope its knowledge of various worthies to be spent

on good works, ecologically speaking. Some then goes to the regulator, whose job is to decide which bodies are worthy enough to receive the cash. My informant says sourly that administrative costs

should at this rate consume all the proceeds of the landfill tax by the summer of 1999. Not so. claims Richard Sills, chief executive, who expects an infill of funds very shortly as the administrative year ends. I seem to recall this tax was claimed by the last Government as one of its few genuinely green initiatives. We will have to watch its progress.

A PLAINTIVE cry from the

City Brasserie, virtually the only occupant still at Plantation House, which is due for demolition next spring. Bookings are down, and the famous queue for the cloakroom is not to blame this time. "A lot of people seem to think we have gone," says general manager Susannah Jackson. But the amount of work needed around the corner at the New Corn Exchange means the Brasserie will have to stay where it is almost until the demolition crews move in.

#### Inn is out

EMBARRASSMENT at Force and its Heritage hotels, a mor-

ley collection of small hotels distinguished by that anonymous, bland service the company does so well. A campaign for cut-price breaks this summer in the press is illustrated with a welcoming timberframed country house. This is just recognisable from the sign as the Star Inn at Alfriston, a rather pretty village in East Sussex — something of a flag-ship for the brand but not. alas, included in the offer. A shamefaced Forte source admits: "It was a genuine mistake. The Star was originally in the special offer, and then asked to be removed from it. for their own reasons."

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Tomorrow's list of degree vacancies in engineering. technology and science will be the last published this summer. The information is also available on The Times website. http://www.thetimes.ac.uk.

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Self-assessment depends on trust.

The Revenue must show it can deter

backsliders, says Mavis Sargent

ne of the least engaging aspects of the move to self-assessment for personal taxpayers and all unincorporated businesses is the arrival of the random audit.

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The Inland Revenue announced, from this year, who would be subject to the possibility of a random audit and, indeed, more than 6,000 candidates have been, selected.

Self-assessment is a sys-

tem that relies largely on ments trust. But the Inland Reve Once nue needs to show that it has the capacity to take action to: deter potential backsliders from completing inaccurate or blarantly false returns. Random audit means that any individual may be chosen from the entire catalogue of taxpayers for deeper investigation.

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The climate for tax investigations has changed dra-matically. Until now, the average taxpayer who submitted a tax return would have the return agreed without having to enter into any form of correspondence with the Inland Revenue.

By contrast, all taxpayers who complete a tax return are now liable to have their tax affairs investigated under the random audit system. This - probably will not mean a sudden knock on the door but it could entail the return being challenged and a series of questions being posed, which could lead on to further investigation.

Self-assessment and random audits will be with us into the foreseeable future and each year a new set of taxpayers will be targeted for the process. In addition, all taxpayers will need to keep their underlying tax-related records for six years in order to satisfy the rax legislation require-

Once 12 months has expired from the filing deadline for thereturn, the time limit for starting an investigation will normally have lapsed. Nor-mally this will be lanuary 3). 1999, for returns relating to the fiscal year ending April 5, 1997

— the filing deadline being January 31, 1998.

However, the Inland Reve-

nue can pursue investigations well after that time where, in its judgment, there is negligence or fraud. Furthermore, where its in-

spectors discover there is negligence or fraud in one year. they can go back through six years of returns, and even longer in some cases.

Hence it is absolutely vital

that the requirement to retain tax records for the six-year period is understood and adhered to by the taxpayer. One of the least likeable aspects of the random audit



Mavis Sargent says any individual could be investigated will not be truly random. The

system is that the conventional targeted inquiry will continue and, in fact, will account for most of the investigations undertaken by the Inland Revenue. The ordinary taxpayer who is subject to an inquiry purely on the basis of the new procedure will not be told this by the Inland Revenue and may worry that the Inland Revenue considers that there are mistakes in the return. It is, however, the case that

the so-called random audit

qualified chartered account-

ant" on the Wednesday before.

Worse, being offered congrat-

ulations three days before you

discover that, in fact, you have

failed has upset a lot of people.

"Some of you may be consider-

ing a move to one of the larger

financial instutions based in

the City," said the letter.

Probably not KPMG.

overseas connections. When the Inland Revenue selects a tax return for inquiry. it will wish to examine the

selection towards those tax returns that it considers to be of greatest risk. This will have the effect of increasing the sample from the targeted inquiry segment, which are usually the smaller cash businesses and taxpayers who have

Inland Revenue will "skew" its

underlying records and, wher-

ever possible, to seek corroboration through third-party documentation. Where some or all of the underlying records for the tax return figures are kept by an agent, such as an accountant, the Inland Revenue will still, in the first instance, seek the business records directly from the taxpayer, only if it has no success will it go to the agent.

The taxpayer whose main income is from an employment, with just a few dividends and interest from savings, is not likely to suffer any great inconvenience from an inquiry. In fact, if such a return is selected for inquiry, the taxpayer may not ever know as the Inland Revenue may already have all the information it requires to undertake and complete the inouin. Where the taxpayer is contacted it will perhaps be only to request a missing dividend voucher or interest

statement Although the random audit is not an audit as an accountant would appreciate the term. it has the power to be a technique that could unsettle the taxpayer. The Inland Revenue would argue that only those individuals and companies with something to hide should fear the random audit. Nevertheless, many inno-

cent taxpayers may be disturbed by unnecessary and time-consuming inquiry, and the spectre of visits by Inland Revenue inspectors.

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#### Howells of delight

MERGERS among accountancy firms always produce results that no one expected. Currently eyebrows are raised at the sense of attempting to combine Casson Beckman with Baker Tilly and thus create the 12th-biggest firm in the land. Certainly Geraint Howells, one of the famed Casson Beckman music and entertainment industry specialists, has no doubts. He is off to join Kingston Smith. "I am

# Fun and games in the arcane world of VAT

IT IS one of the oldest chestnuts in the tax world. When VAT was introduced in 1973, the then Chancellor of the Exchequer said that it would be the simplest tax ever. This year's edition of the VAT world's vade-mecum. Tolley's VAT Cases, weighs in at 1.052 pages. Growth in VAT advice and argument has easily outpaced the economy.

Tax can never be simple as long as the aspects of the economy from which it seeks to raise revenue are complex. A glance through Toller's shows that not only is there an extraordinary range and complexity of business to be argued over but that every aspect of the economy has been sucked into it. And once Customs and Excise has to deal with such complexity it is inevitable that a decision in one area will create an anomaly in another. Small wonder that John Brown, the famed

VAT expert in a contribution to the review of taxation of charities announced by the current Chancellor in the Budget, has this to say: It is time for a long night of pruning, result-

ing from this opportunity for review, to create a position within the VAT regime which charities can occupy fairly, and be relieved of the burden created by incoher-ency, inconsistency and administrative complexity." Tolley's shows the possibilities for nonsense. We should never forget that even

as far back as 1974 it took three legal appeals to come to the conclusion that for VAT purposes the Big Dipper at Blackpool was not a mode of transport but simply fun, and therefore liable. This year's volume is no exception. There are cases involving wonderfully arcane food matters, for example. The matter of "spherical

wafers with hazelnut filling and coating" is reported exhaustively, as is the true nature of a drink called "Norfolk Punch". Even the dean and chapter of Bristol Cathedral become embroiled in one case.

But probably the book's greatest value to lay readers, as it were, is that the cases provide revealing views of ordinary business. There is, for example, the case of the plumber brothers and the Rolex watches. They spent £1,350 each on a Rolex and reclaimed the VAT. A dispute ensued. They claimed they had bought the watches for work - "for their reliability, durability and ability to withstand heat, vibration and humidity". The tribunal thought otherwise. It decided the "extravagant" watches had been bought "for their investment purposes and/or as status sym-

bols". But even so it allowed 25 per cent of the VAT on the ground that the plumbers did need watches "to measure gas flows". Many a newspaper leader on the state of Britain today could be constructed from those facts.

The real problem though lies with discerning the intention of any particular area of VAT. With most other taxes it is relatively easy to understand what the tax-raising authority is getting at Not so with VAT. One quirky decision or "clarification" suddenly catches other types of business for which it was never intended. And the more the Government attempts to block loopholes the

more the anomalies and complexities. This month's decision on drugs and medical supplies to hospitals is a case in point. The various hospitals involved had won their case, the House of Lords refused to allow Customs and Excise to appeal against the decision, so the Government announces that this was "unexpected" and that the resulting

situation, "which was never intended by Parliament will be reversed through more legislation. By this time next year more cases will be wending their way through the courts

in an effort to sort out the side-effects of the new legislation. In one case recently the result of a similar "clarification" by the Government meant that homes for the disabled suddenly fell foul of a VAT liability. It was cer tainly not the intention of the Government. But it was a direct consequence of its efforts to boit a clarification onto an existing area of legislation. It is no wonder that VAT

advisers are in great demand and that few people properly understand the particular intentions of Customs and Excise. It is also no wonder that successive

governments have complained about "leakage" of VAT revenues. If the intentions and details of the tax are largely incomprehensible to the 1.5 million registered traders who do Customs' job in calculating their liability to the tax, then there should be no surprise that there may be a degree of leakage. "It is." said Mr Brown, "a bit like leakage at the water companies. A lot of it is getting away before it reaches the Chancellor's sprinkler." As Mr Brown also points out: "Charities

represent the entire complexity of VAT." So the Chancellor's review should be used to rectify the wider problems with the tax. The only unfortunate effect of that might be that future years' editions of Tolley's may be much less fun.

#### Timed to THER BUSINESS imperfection

WAITING for exam results is stressful enough. Receiving a letter headed "Congramlations" three days before the results are made public is even. more startling. The mighty firm of KPMG and recruitment consultant Michel Page are currently wiping a large amount of egg-off their faces. They bought mailing lists of four years' worth of accountancy exam finalists and prepared a letter from Richard Bennison, a partner in

KPMG's financial sector group. This suggested that. having passed their finals, the newly qualified accountants should come and join "our dynamic, fast-moving, City environment, First, it is against the profession's rules to induce someone to break a training contract. "We have apologised to the institute." KPMG said this week. And secondly, the letter was sent a week early. "It was a timing error," KPMG said. The result

was that nervous students Single-minded waiting for the Saturday post received the letter about "your success in becoming a fully

NEXT WEEK the English ICA's guide to the single European currency, prepared by the Hundred Group of Finance Directors, is launched. As the section on retailing says: "In the UK it is safe to assume that the consumer will be reluctant, seeing little advantage and much confusion in the change." No wonder the institute is resolutely pricing the publication at £15.

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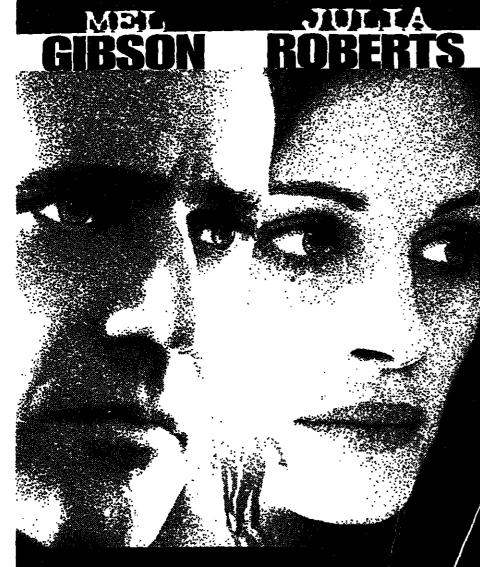
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#### **VIDEO**

BASQUIAT Fox Guild, 15. 1996

THE life of Jean-Michel Basquiat, the black graffiti artist of the 1980s, seems custam-built for Hollywood cliches about the romantic. self-destructive artist. But the director Julian Schnabel, a personal friend of the late artist, does not take the easy route. He lays out Basquiat's life like a row of bricks, and refuses to judge or explain. Stage actor Jeffrey Wright makes the painter appear charming, but bafflingly self-absorbed, while David Bowie does an amusing turn as Andy Warhol. Fascinating, although the film's potential is unfulfilled. Available to rent.

BOGUS BANDITS Eureka, PG, 1933

BEHIND the unfamiliar title lies Fra Diavolo, Auber's comic opera of 1830, cleverly reworked by MGM as a burlesque vehicle for Laurel and Hardy. It's a curate's egg. but individual spoonfuls are delicious. Stan, in particular, has a ball: he gets drugged, drunk and makes charming games out of scratching his head and slapping his ears. knees and nose. Ringing baritone Dennis King takes care of most of the singing, while Thelma Todd is delightful as the plot's flirtatious young

MICHAEL

Columbia TriStar, PG, 1997 JOHN TRAVOLTA tries our patience with this ragged and whimsical comedy about an unconventional angel endeavouring to bring joy and love to tabloid journalists in lowa.



Director Nora Ephron drags with cinemagoers nonetheher feet and does nothing to bind the film's random scenes. Other players struggling to please include Andie Mac-Dowell, William Hurt and Sparky the mongrel dog. A hit

less, now available to rent.

TWIN TOWN PolyGram 18, 1997 THE film that itches to do for and Trainspotting did for Scotland. But Kevin Allen's local tearaways getting their rough, rude and cruel comedy own back after their dad falls drama about crime and revenge in Swansea lacks the flair and technical finesse to offset its many crudities. Rhys

Ifans and Llyr Evans play off a ladder at work. Available

GEOFF BROWN

#### POP: Is Conner Reeves the star that British soul has been desperately seeking for so long?

ale solo stars are in rather short supply these days. particularly in Britain. You only have to look less than hideous, be able to hold a tune and look moody at a piano to find yourself billed as the new George Michael ... which must be a source of some irritation for the man himself, seeing that he has not yet declared the situation vacant.

Who, though, has emerged in his wake to occupy that market niche between the boy band pin-ups and the Cliff Richards and Michael Balls of this world? Not Gary Barlow, thus far at least, nor Mark Morrison. For the time being, it remains the responsibility of an earlier contender. Seal, to carry the torch.

Not surprisingly, this is a situation which has been en record companies all over London, and the search has been on to find a new face, a new voice, to take the solospotlight. Lewis Taylor, Jai, Kwesi ... if you have not yet heard of these and other hopefuls, you soon will have.

However, a 26-year-old Anglo-Irishman from southeast London is emerging as the best bet. Conner Reeves has all the ingredients. His voice is outstanding — soulful, rich and fluid. His delivery — heavily influenced by his personal heroes, Stevie Wonder and Donny Hathaway — is sure. And, happily, he is already a skilled and successful R&B songwriter: Tina Turner opens her current album with one of his co-compositions, while Anita Baker and Bonnie Raitt have each optioned others for forthcoming

"I went to see Tina at Wembley when she last played there." he says, shaking his head in wonder. "She's this living legend; I'm this little bloke from Peckham. Seeing all those people going mad for her singing my song was like watching some miracle unfold."

The second of four sons born to an electrician and a helper at an infant

school. Reeves grew up in a household dominated by his parents love of soul and R&B. But although he was supported in his wish to learn the piano, there was no enthusiasm for his further teenage ambition to become a

singer.
"It was so frustrating, wanting something passionately, but not knowing how to progress towards it." he says without rancour. "I couldn't sing in the house, so I got into the habit of

**Black-voiced** blue-eyed boy



He's written songs for soul heavyweights such as Tina Turner. Now Conner Reeves has a Top 20 single of his own, called My Father's Son

going to the park. I'd get home from school, do my homework, eat dinner, then sneak out with my Walkman and the dog. Bad weather was best, because there would be no one else around and I could really let myself go, singing along to a tape by Donny Hathaway or George Benson.

By the age of 13, Reeves was writing songs, aiming to complete one per day - be it good, bad or indifferent - in

order to learn his craft. By the time he left school, with three A levels, he was composing in earnest, and worked on building sites and as a waiter to finance the pursuit of what was by now his consuming interest. At 21, he was rewarded with a publishing deal with Rondor Music, which brought him into contact with a variety of other jobbing writers. You might find yourself being teamed with five differ-

ent strangers in a week, turning up at their house in the morning with the express aim of starting and finishing a song," he says. "And I never seemed to work with anyone my own age, they were all at least ten years older, sometimes significantly more. There was a lot for me to learn from those

Meanwhile, the strength of his own voice made it natural and inevitable that he should aim for a recording deal of his own. "But at the time, all anyone was looking for was boy bands. I was just 24 but already too old. They wanted 18-year-olds who they could tell to wear this, sit there, sing that ... Eventually, I went to New York, tired of all the closed doors."

There he met the writer-producer Arthur Baker, who has enjoyed success with Madonna and many others. "He helped me a lot, and was confident I could get a deal as a kind of male Mariah Carey — someone white who sounds black. I thought, 'Wow! Is that what I am? But before any of his leads came to anything, I got offered a deal back at home as the first artist on a new label. It meant less money upfront, but more artistic control, and that's what I was really after."

he resulting debut album. Earthbound, due for release in the autumn, suggests no budget-ary controls. Producer Grant Mitchell has pulled in world-class players such as Pino Palladino, Manu Karche and Dominic Miller, the sort of session men more often found in the studio or touring the world with the likes of

Sting. More importantly, though, presents Reeves as being gloriously accomplished both as a singer and songwriter: there are performances and material there to which his own heroes would be proud to put their own

names. The first taste of his talent has come with the release of a debut single, My Father's Son. A staple on commercial radio, it went into the charts at No 12.

Aaron Neville wanted to record it, Sir Cliff too." Reeves smiles. "But the time had come to hang on to my best songs; the ones that really give me goosebumps."

ALAN JACKSON My Father's Son is released by Wildstar

## A bracing of Sheilas

**Trudy Kerr Anita Wardell** 

Pizza on the Park

THIS has all the makings of an Australian version of The Commitments two aspiring singers meet briefly at the Sydney Opera House, only to be reunited years later in London, where they share a house. before embarking on a joint tour under the self-mocking banner of the "Jazz Sheilas". Has Alan Parker commissioned a script yet?

More than happy to send them-selves up. Trudy Kerr and Anita Wardell even indulged in a warm-up duet on Waltzing Matilda — taken as a smouldering ballad - at the beginning of the evening. But look beyond the raucous, self-deprecating banter, and you discover a provocative contrast in vocal styles. Wardell is the effervescent bopper. Kerr, who knows her way around the Cole Porter and Jerome Kern songbooks, gives the material a contemporary edge with

Toto Gallen

finger-snapping R&B. Her debut album, aptly entitled Sweet Surprise, is full of unexpected detours. I cannot think of any other jazz singer who could make as persuasive a case for the soft-focus romancings of Kenny Loggins. She also has an eye for songs deserving of a wider audience, such as Duncan Lamont's bitter-sweet ballad. I Told You So.

Kerr's constant darting across idioms, from jazz to gospel and blues, can occasionally be disconcerting, as if she were sometimes more interested in parading influences than baring her soul. But she has developed an immensely promising partnership with Phil Peskett a resourceful pianist whose elegant trio arrangements allow her ample room for manoeuvre.

Wardell is a more agile performer than Kerr, but her voice perhaps lacks the light and shade to sustain a lengthy series of duets. More restrained than usual, she broke loose on Twisted. Annie Ross's famous tale of dysfunction set to music by the saxophonist Wardell Gray.

Wardell joined Kerr at the close to harmonise on a dashing encore of Sometimes I'm Happy. At which point the bass player Andy Hamill managed to insinuate the theme from The Wombles. It was, on the whole, that kind of evening.

CLIVE DAVIS

## Shot in the backing

Percy Sledge -Jazz Caté, NW1

THESE days, there are not that many opportunities to hear a voice such as that possessed by Percy Sledge. The Jazz Cafe in Camden Town, however. is one of the places that the original Atlantic soul-singer keeps coming back to: this was the first show in a six-night residency.

Sledge's band - a classic Stax lineup of Hammond organ, guitar, bass, drums, trombone and trumpet — took the stage first, then he descended the staircase, smiling that gap-toothed smile and telling everyone how good it was to be back in England. He got straight into a couple of the songs for which he sets known. Cover Me and Take Time to Know Her, but it was not until he sang the Temptations My Girl that he really got into his stride, raising his arms aloft, trembling his knees and directing most of the words at his wife,

who was sitting in the balcony, However, it was at this point that the rhythm section began to look less like

classic Stax players than musicians Sledge had met over the Bank Holiday weekend. The first flaws began to show during Just out of Reach (Of My Two Empty Arms), a single from 1967 and one of his best-known songs. "We might come back to that later," said Sledge, pointedly but still politely.

But when the band showed that they were equally unfamiliar with the aching Out Of Left Field, Sledge could not contain his frustration and made the band stop and start it again. It was followed by an awful attempt at Dark End of the Street, which proved too much for the singer. He simply stopped it after a couple of lines and did not even try to do it again.

Sledge began to apologise, but an Irish voice from the bar cut him short: Will you just give us a song, man?" This seemed to be the right thing to say, because Sledge replied with a simpling version of Dock of the Bay which showed that he possesses one of the few voices that is complete. the few voices that is capable of singing that song the way Otis Redding would

have done it.

He followed with Whiter Shade of Pale and closed with his big soul standard, When a Man Loves a Woman. There really was no need for Sledge to apologise for his band, most people had come here purely to hear the sound of his great voice.

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# The feel-good factor gets its kit off

t might be thought bad public relations to call a British film The Full Monty, especially for au-diences abroad. How many know the term's present cluster of meanings—going all the way, or stripping maked—let alone its origins in Feld Marshal Montgomery, who regularly demanded a complete English breakfast where ever he found himself during the Second World War? 🚉

But there the title is, emblazoned in advertising featuring Mark Addy, a far from pin-up-pedigree male, baring his all. except for a bag of chips. Twenty years ago the poster might have signalled a smutty comedy in the Confessions series, full of Robin Askwith. heavy puns. But British cinema has looked up. The comedy is now served with a touch of class, sprinklings of sentiment, and more than a hint of

social comment.

For the film's strippers are unemployed steelworkers from Sheffield, a city first. glimpsed in a gleaning pro-motional film of 1971, City on the Move. Now steel mills lie idle; workers are laid off, and spend the days moothing about with mates, or lounging at the jobcentre. Workers like Gaz (Robert Cartyle), who needs money to keep custody of his son, or his burly chum Dave (Addy).
A Sheffield appearance by

the Chippendales gives them an idea: if audiences pay good money to see the Chippendale males strip, why not create a homegrown equivalent? One by one the group forms friends, acquaintances, a veteran dancer of the funky chicken, a suicidal security guard — to be coached by their one-time foreman (Tom Wilkinson); a superior kind of man, an amateur ballroom dancer whose front garden sprouts garden gnomes.

If you stare closely at Peter

boy

backing.

Cattaneo's film, you can see the stretch marks on Simon Beautoy's script as it tries to delay the inevitable climax, the strip show itself. You spot the bouts of physical farce, or the sudden rush of tender moments, as when Wilkinson climbs off his high horse and admits his weaknesses. But the film's breezy mood - and genuine belief in community spirit - make its contrivances seem of little account. The more headaches Carlyle and company have with each other, their wives and the local them to succeed and realise their human potential. Some supposedly feel good films are so bent on their goal that they backfire and make you feel ill. The Full Monty does not.

ew York's cabbies are famous for chewing your ear off with homespun philosophy. Mei Gibson takes Conspiracy Theory, Woolly hat perched on his head, hands yanking the steering wheel this way and that, he talks compulsively about them", and the conspiracies that infiltrate our daily lives. Words tumble out in a rush, thoughts change direction.



They may not look like much competition for the Chippendales, but (from left) Steve Hulson, Robert Carlyle, Paul Barber and Mark Addy run a serious risk of giving the stripping game a good name in The Full Monty

tory product all dressed up but with nowhere definite to go On paper, its star power blazes. Apart from Gibson, we get Julia - Roberts, first glimpsed through her apart-ment shutters after a hard day at the Justice Department. When not driving his cab or bunkered down in a fortress of an apartment, Gibson pesters her with his conspiracy theories. She treats him like a harmless eccentric while nursing a conspiracy theory of her father, a judge. The two players never work as a team: Gibson lays on the wacky charm, but with Roberts, star

The director has his own fans. He is Richard Donner. practised dovetailer of action and humour in the three Lethal Weapon movies, which helped to lift Gibson up the Hollywood ladder. Donner tries for the same mix here, although the ingredients rarely gel. An early sequence when Gibson's babbler is hauled off to be tortured by Patrick Stewart's bureaucratic baddie frightens and amuses both at once. But, as the film lengthens and the plot begs for more the moods simply far. Parody

or no, you stare into a void.

The Full Monty Odeon West End 15, 91 mins

Joyous British comedy

Conspiracy

Theory Warner West End 15, 140 mins Hugely daft vehicle and Julia Roberts The Slab Boys

Cinemas in Scotland only, 15, 97 mins John Byrne directs unappealing film version of his own play

tion the next. One more game of cat and mouse between Gibson and Stewart's CIA goons. One more glance at your watch.

By the end, you are appalled by the film's foolishness. Stewart, plaster on his nose following a clash with Gibson's teeth, gives a particularly routine performance. For Gibson and Roberts - Donner too this farrago is of no immediate consequence: they remain the big industry players they were before. But the audience feels

"Why does this film exist?" I thought as I fruitlessly tried to hack a path through the jungle of retro styling, 1950s pop. teenage pranks and thick Scottish accents that make up The Slab Boys (showing in Scottish cinemas only).

There are some possible answers. It exists because John Byrne's play exists, a roaring success at home and abroad since its debut in 1978. It exists because Byrne exists, and was amenable to adapting adding film director to his burgeoning CV (painter, set and costume designer, playwright, novelist). It exists because lottery money. Channel 4 and the Glasgow Film Fund exist, and because a roistering comedy with 1950s trappings, a regional flavour and foot-tapping music would appear to be good box-office.

But these are not strong enough reasons to put audiences through the teenage adventures of Phil. Spanky and Hector in the dye-mixing room of a Paisley carpet factory. On stage, Byrne's colourful dialogue might well have galvanised actors and audiences; on film, delivered by an inexperienced cast with youth on their side but not much else, the script never

Conspiracy theorists Mel Gibson and Julia Roberts

reaches the requisite pitch of excitement Part of the trouble is the

number of distractions Byrne The film's look is deliberately artificial: even exterior scenes were shot by Seamus McGarvey in the studio. Every scene was planned on storyboards, each image a riot of colour and exaggeration. There is nothing against this in theory. But Byrne rarely animates his fanciful pictures: watching the film is like peering at a canvas layered with paint upon paint by an artist who never knows when to stop. It is a dispiriting

hile audiences in

Scotland strain to

enjoy The Slab Boys, Londoners will be straining their eyes on the 3-D films tounded up for the National Film Theatre's season. Face to Face (from September 2). Some of the items are old friends in 3-D retrospectives, like Hitchcock's Dial M for Murder and Universal's fantasy thrillers, when the Creature from the Black Lagoon marched upon audiences, gills and claws shaking. Others will be less familiar. September 12 brings a round-up of British 3-D films presented at the 1951 Festival of Britain. And no connoisseur of the bizarre should miss The Maze. William Cameron Menzies's extraordinary story of the Scottish castle whose

laird is a tortured, giant frog. Cinema devotees should also not neglect Gaumont: A Century (and more) of Cinema, a season shared between the NFT and the Institut Français. The title misleads slightly, since most of the films featured date from the past 30 years. But some of Gaumont's old guard are represented: Emile Cohl's inventive animations, 90 years old, appear on Monday night, while Feuil-lade's serial Fantômas unfolds in its dream-like glory on

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# A spectacular British hit'

Every week, young film funs discuss the latest releases . . .

THE FULL MONTY Naomi Blyth, 19: Sensitive acting brutal realism and a

buoyant humour mark this

out as a spectacular British

hit. Damian Samuels, 20: Robert Carlyle proves himself in this very funny movie. Some people may be disappointed by the lack of nudity. Leslie Isaiah Thomas, 19: A

warm and witty presentation of British life with excellent performances and a superb soundtrack.

Graham Geary, 20: Warm and funny portrayal.

CONSPIRACY THEORY Naomi: Engaging and, at times, quite moving, but never wholly convincing. Mel Gibson makes an heroic attempt

at a very difficult part. The plot is a little over ambitious, but it's worth seeing. Damian: Mel creates a wonderful and entertaining char-

acter, an amalgani heartwarming Travis Bickle and Marathon Man. Wholeheartedly recommended. Leslie: An uncomfortable mix of comedy and drama. Gibson's performance is enthralling and, typically, a British actor, Patrick Stewart, plays the baddy.

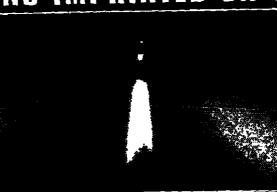
Graham: Captivating, if a bit on the long side. Surprisingly. Julia Roberts is almost like-



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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

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THEATRE GUIDE Jeremy Kingston's assess of theatre showing in Lond House full, returns only

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# Sleaze in mythic places

mont and Fletcher's fascinating old thunderer the sleeping king's mistress ties his hands to his bedposts, wakes him, informs him of his sins, then stands over him and stabs him to death. At the Globe, Geraldine Alexander and Nicholas Le Prevost perform this with great thoroughness and as much realism as you would expect to find at the RSC and the National; and yet there were people in the audience who could not stop laughing as the knife went in. Why? Perhaps it was merely that

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The Maid's Tragedy Globe

the play's occasionally preposterous and sometimes openly funny events — as when the king reacts to the unlooked-for bondage with an eager "What pretty new device is this?" had fashioned the audience's mood. Or maybe the refreshingly anti-elitist feel of the Globe had freed them from reflex reverence for a Jacobean tragedy. Or perhaps it was that murder was happening. not beneath subtly mixed lights on a cut-off stage, but in a theatre where there is an extraordinary rapport between the watchers and the watched. There is nothing like laughter for distancing one from bloody happenings.

Myself, I don't yet know the answer. We are all still primary-level pupils as far as understanding the Globe is concerned. What is certain, though, is that Lucy Bailey's production is a lesson well worth catching. Whether you laugh much or little, you will be impressed by the clarity and immediacy she manages to bring to Beaumont and Fletcher's tale of sleaze in mythic places. Not only does

of Pelléas, and he did invest the

domestic scene with a simple gravity

and quiet power which I, for one,

At Salzburg, the American auteur

Robert Wilson presents us with every

one of Debussy's rippling, dappled

chords plus the Philharmonia Or-

chestra at its most delicate. Yet his

ultra-detached approach makes

Brook's cool autumnal sepias seem

summery by comparison. Don't look

for romantic towers, healing wells, dark forests, engulfing tresses of hair,

easile vaults, or even symbolic wed-

ding rings in this revival. The tale of

Mélisande, the mysterious danisel

married by Prince Golaud and inno-

cently loved by Prince Pelleas, has

been transposed to a bleak strand

found incongruously magical.

JEMAID'S TRAGEDIE Melantius Evadne Amintor WALHEWISON Fect 1997

Murder in mind: Mark Lewis Jones (Melantius), Geraldine Alexander (Evadne) and Jonathan Slinger (Amintor)

the king force an unwitting Amintor to reject his fiancée. Aspatia, and marry his own mistress. Evadne, but he also expects the poor fellow to abstain from marital sex while dispatching his wife to the royal bed on demand.

As played by a wispy, flummoxed Jonathan Slinger. Amintor has the vulnerability of the young and decent, and decides that honour (a word much used in the play) rewithout auestion.

But no such qualms afflict Melantius, who is his friend and Evadne's brother and is fiercely played by the increasingly excellent Mark Lewis Jones. He knows his duty, and starts by impressing it on his sister. Evadne, who has luxuand treated her wretched husband with bland contempt.

promptly turns into a breast-

quires him to obey the king beating penitent ready to commit regicide to make moral amends.

That is a tough transition for any actress to make, and though Alexander does all she can to change from the cat who has eaten the cream into a lioness avenging her pride. she cannot stop you feeling riated in the king's favours that she is the victim of an awkwardiy engineered plot rather than a plausibly developing person. But that is no

great price to pay for an evening whose other pleasures include a wonderfully eccentric masque, with courtiers dressed as fish popping through Night's enormous cloak, and Patrick Godfrey as the father of Amintor's rejected fiancée. Anyone with a taste for quirky characterisation should relish this doddering old coward whose bite is a badly aimed nip and whose bark is a querulous bleat.

Then Peter Brook directed a Wintry fairyland cut version of Pelléas and Mélisande in 1993, he mightily annoyed the purists by relocating Debussy and Maeterweaves no magic linck's operatic fairyland in a room furnished with a fish-tank, a vase of hydrangeas, a few chairs, a couple of gas lamos and, instead of an orches tra, a single piano. But he did have the on Upshaw and Ruswhere nobody touches, people glide about sell Braun's whitetact to rename the result Impressions

in slow motion, and decor consists of black megaliths from 2001: A Špace Odyssey and a huge rect-

angular backcloth that changes from blue to white to apricot to violet. It adds up to a reminder, impressive yet chilling, that Wilson was an

abstract painter before he moved into dramatic production. There are moments that astonish the eye, starting with the grey-gowned Golaud's (Victor Braun) first, stunned encounter with Mélisande (Dawn Upshaw), poised on the ground in a long lightblue train that makes her look like a desolate mermaid. The scene in which the same singer, transformed into a black spectre, bears diagonally down

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suited Pelleas is even more breathtaking. But the murder that ensues is no more than a mimed hint. Let's acknowledge that Debussy. wanted to explore the strange, shadowy areas below consciousness and

beyond words. Combine his music with a sci-fi dreamscape, and you have gone some way towards doing him justice. But need that mean acting which sometimes seems not so much impassive as glazed? Braun's Golaud admittedly exudes a grizzled melancholy, and everyone sings well. But when the music invites exhilaration or rapture, fury or desperation, the production does its best to quell it. More robust enjoyment is to be

found in the square facing Salzburg's great Baroque cathedral: archangels spilling down ropes from nearby buildings, medieval trumpeters, throngs of jubilant revellers at banquet. This is Jedermann, Hofmannsthat's version of our own 15th-century morality play, Everyman. It is a especially worth catching, for one of the great European actors, Gert Voss. performs the exemplary mortal summoned by a skull-faced Death to make his final journey with his spiritual luggage unassembled and

unpacked. Writing in 1911, Hofmannsthal embellished the original with lines about wealth, market forces and trickle-down theory that seem entertainingly apt today; and Voss is the man to bring them to life. He is a florid, coarse bourgeois who, faced with a black figure with a scythe or a gilded Mammon hovering triumphantly above him, looks as baffled as a bull who finds his usual china-shop has turned into a slaughterhouse. This is a subtle performance to find in a didactic drama in the great outdoors, and, by the end, a moving one.

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Few conductors have risen as fast as Antonio Pappano. Tonight he tackles

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Ill should be getting a taste of Rings to come. Although Bryn Terfel, the great British bassbaritone hope, has withdrawn from singing his first Wotan (to be replaced by the indefatigable John Tornlinson). Jame Eaglen, the Brunnhilde, is booked for the new Ring at the Metropolitan in New York in 2000. And the conductor Antonio Pappano is already begin-

his own cycle, due to open round time at the Monnaie in Brussels. where he is music director.

Pappano is a stocky and ebullient man in his mid thirties, London-born but brought up main-ly in America. He

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is known in Britain largely for a trio of outstanding opera recordings for EMI. They began with a Bohème starring Roberto Alagria, and went on with the star-filled Don Carlos from the Charelet in Paris. Last spring came Puccini's

La rondine, with Alagna and

Angela Gheorghiu, which is very
likely to feature in the Records of
the Year lists.

All three have the Pappano trademark of extreme theatricality. Even in the impersonal atmosphere of the studio he believes in having a stage set in mind. "It is essential to bring a sense of the theatre into every opera recording. You do it by staring into the singers' eyes as though you were standing by their side in costume. You think about in the opera : house. You can't conduct Bohème by opening the score and studying it. It's got to have its heart right there in the theatre."

agnerites at fornight's stage in his Puccini cycle for EMI,
Usher Hall performance of Walkure Act
the same company has a classic set, the same company has a classic set, with Gobbi and de los Angeles, in the archives. But then the same objection could have been raised about Bohème: the Beecham recording with Bjorling and de los Angeles may well still be first choice for many Pappano is no believer in living in the past and has made a point of using the Trittico to introduce several young and, so far, little known singers. Familiar names

are there: José van crowned king of Brussels and the Monnaie, has the title role in Gianni Schiechi, Alagna and Gheorghiu are the lovers in the same opera and supply a couple of off-

stage voices in II

tabarro. But intermingled with them are a young Italian baritone. Carlo Guelfi. of whom there are very high hopes, as the bargee Michele in Tubarro; and Critina Gallardo-Domas as Suor Angelica. They have certainly not been sent along by the international division of central casting.

Pappano's next step along the Puccini line will be the early Le villi in a year's time. "Pure delight," he says: "Neapolitan songs from be-ginning to end." Then possibly comes Edgar: "One great baritone aria, but the rest of it doesn't really sound like Puccini at all. I'm still trying to talk myself into that one." Both Pappano's London opera

appearances were also in Puccini. There was a well-received Butterfly at the Coliseum, but he would prefer to forget the Covent Garden Bohème. "An absolute nightmare. Jerry Hadley, the tenor, fell sick after the first night and I must have had half a dozen different Rodolfos Earlier this month Pappano was in as many performances. No, we in Hampstead recording the next won't talk about that." In any case



Antonio Pappano, who conducts Act III of Die Walkure at the festival tonight. "There is no point in being an itinerant conductor subject to the whims of others"

he is fearful of being dubbed a Puccini conductor.

"When they hear the name 'Pappano' the immediate reaction is 'Hm, that sounds right for Puccini'. One reason why I have extended my contract at the Monnaie to 2003 is so that I can have total command over my repertoire. I learnt long ago that there was no point in being an itinerant conductor subject to the whims of others. Control your own life. Conduct as many masterpieces as possible and there is a chance that their quality will rub off on you."

In fact Pappano's basic operation grounding came in Bayreuth under Barenboim, "My father was a singing teacher and I spent my youth accompanying his pupils on the piano. I played the organ in the local church and piano at supper clubs where we lived on the East Coast. Eventually I got to the New York City Opera as a repetiteur and in 1986 accompanied Deborah Polaski when she auditioned for

Barenboim. He ended by engaging both of us for Bayreuth and there i stayed for six seasons. I had little formal academic training and most of my music was learnt on the ground as a working pianist. I suppose that has given me an understanding of singers and their problems. I certainly have admiration for the courage that it takes to go out there and perform."

Pappano's loyalty to Barenboim paid off. In 1993 he was called in at the last minute to replace an ailing Christoph von Dohnányi for a new production of Siegfried at the Vienna State Opera. The dress rehearsal was "hairy" but the opening night ended in triumph. It was Barenboim, too, who recommended Pappano to EMI when Georges Pretre pulled out of Bohême. So started the Puccini cycle. Pappano returns to Bayreuth in 1999, this time not as a repetiteur but as conductor of Lohengrin. Die Walkure is at the Usher Hall (0131-473-2000) tonight at 7\_30pm

ernard Haitink and the B European Union Youth Or-chestra drew a good audi-ence to the Usher Hall for their early evening programme of Mah-ler and Shostakovich. If the Rückert Lieder suffered a little and the uncertain intonation and insufficient colouring of the mezzo soloist Catherine Wyn-Rogers certainly did not flatter them - it was in a good cause. The Mahler sound echoing in the memory after the interval mingled with the Mahler

echoes in Shostakovich to bring out

a rarely appreciated aspect of the

laner's Fourth Symphony. Haitink did nothing to romannicise the Shostakovich score. Far from it: he secured consistently hard-edged textures from his young musicians, who played for him with extraordinary firmness and confidence and scarcely failing clarity. But, alongside the familiar expressions of disillusion, irony and harsh reality, there was on this occasion an element of loneliness

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that added a whole new dimension. The Edinburgh Festival's celebrations of its illustrious past have been more than an indulgence in nostalgia. In the Usher Hall later that night, indeed, it seemed to be punishing itself for having promoted three events which many longterm regulars would probably rather forget - the first perfor-mances of Luigi Nono's Sul Ponte di Hiroshima in 1962 and his

Intolleranza Suite in 1969 and though the score was already it years old by then. Sir Georg Solii: 1971 endorsement of Ellion Carter: masterly Variations for Orchestra

with the Chicago Symphony Certainly, there was no great demand from the present-day audi ence to hear Emilio Pomarico and the BBC Scottish Symphony Or chestra reintroduce those works But in the past they were no segregated in late-night modern music events, but performed along side music by Mozart and Brahm in mid-evening concerts. One polit ical protest by Nono is enough for one concert, and Carter's Varia tions is so complicated that it need: to be heard when the ear is fresh.

A more realistic programme and a fiftieth-birthday commission might have been both a better investment and a more rewarding exercise for the accomplished BBC SSO/Pomarico partnership.

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# Bubbles across the pond

A NEAT bit of programming in Tuesday night's Prom, giv-en by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Oliver Knussen, offered a premiere each from major British and American composers (Mark-Anthony Turnage and Elliott Carter), together with folksong settings from both sides of the Atlantic that usefully set the cultural scene.

Though-rapidly approach-ing 90, Carter has lost none of his legendary physical or cre-ative energy. With Allegro scorrevole receiving its European premiere, he completes the triptych Symphonia, of which the first part was the Partita and the second the Adagio Tenebroso (heard two Proms seasons ago). In fact, the notion of longevity stands

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behind the new work, in as much as it was inspired by the metaphysical image of a floating bubble representing the fragility of life.

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gossamer textures and a buoyant, bouncing line which, though angular in the extreme, achieves an impressive continuity as it passes from one instrument to another. That angularity severely tested the ensemble of the BBC strings in particular, but one had to admire the sang-froid with which Knussen and the

players steered their way through some enormously complex textures. Carter's more extrovert but

scarcely less intricate Holiday

Overture of 1944 started the

programme, and it ended with an animated performance of the cowboy ballet Billy the Kid by Aaron Copland. The strains of the Wild West were not far from a group of folksong settings by Copland, Ruth Crawford and her teacher-husband Charles Seeger, and it was fascinating to hear those faraway yet familiar echoes in close juxtaposition with the folk elements, treated with characteristic lack of

sentimentality, in Britten's Suite on English Folk Tunes. A Time There Was ... The music of Turnage, the

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er represented, springs not out of the folk or pastoral tradition, but out of something more aggressively urban. Dispelling the Fears (London premiere) depicts a spiritual journey from darkness to light, and its dissonant tensions are ultimately resolved in a coda of great heauty. The work is scored unusually for two trumpets and orchestra. and the spirited dialogue for the soloists is taken up by other pairs of instruments. The non-competitive partnership of Håkan Hardenberger

and John Wallace, for whom it

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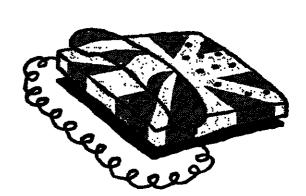
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the time of his death. The first movement, for example, features a remarkable - indeed unparalleled - transformation of the secand subject in a slower tempo (Newbould aptly scores it for three solemn trombones and bassoon), while the Scherzo (which may or may not have doubled as a finale) both ambitiously expands the form and bears the fruit of Schubert's late studies in

counterpoint. This disc, which also contains Newbould's realisations of other symphonic fragments, is fascinating as a practical demonstration of musicological detective work. The performances, too, are exemplary, with Charles Mackerras drawing sprightly, rhythmically taut but lyrical playing from the Scottish Chamber Orchestra.

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show in the accompanying booklet but, in brief, the four extra songs are those often thought to be late works of Schumann: Dein Angesicht. Lehn' deine Wang. Es leuchtet meine Liebe, and Mein Wagen rollet langsam To hear this last spooky and unsettling song precede the desolate Ich hab'im Traum geweinet is to probe deeper and more disturbingly into the shadowy dreamworld of both Heine's and Schu-

mann's vision. In the familiar Dichterliebe songs, the less familiar verbal underlay and articulation frequently bring the settings nearer to speech than song: they sigh less, but bite and bruise more. Hampson and his pianist Wolfgang Sawallisch reflect this in searingly committed performances, complemented by Schumann's early Op 24 Liederkreis and Heine's fiercely ironic Der arme

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**LES 40 TENORS** EMI Classics 7243 5 72007 2 (two CDs), \*\* £19.99 A USEFUL compilation, presumably aimed at operatic It comes from EMI's French arm and displays a distinct Gallic bias. The first 13 items are all from works written in that language, even though some were by Italian composers. One or two of France's own tenors come over as underrated: Alain Vanzo is honey-sweet in Nadir's aria from The Pearl Fishers. Others are scarcely worth inclusion - Raoul Jobin gobbles his way through the Legend of Kleinsach from Hoffmann. Americans such as Richard Leech and John Aler have adapted themselves remarkably well to the French style. but Rockwell Blake's contri-

tenors from C (Caruso) to A

(Alagna) and their repertoire.

bution scarcely deserves a place in the Top 40. The German section, also 13 items, is especially well selected, with stylists like Simoneau and Wunderlich rubbing shoulders with the robust tones of Melchior and Schock. A place is found. quite rightly, for the almost

forgonen Josef Schmidt. Patriots will note that Tauber, who ended up with UK nationality, is the nearest approach to a British tenor. But then no Russians are included either.

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ood novels about history, as opposed to historical novels, can sometimes feel as contemporaneous as fictions set in the present time when they go some way to explaining how we live now. The Englishman's Boy works at this level.
Its parallel narratives — one a tale of the American Frontier and the other of Hollywood demonstrate how the former is reconceived by the latter.

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The eponymous Englishman's boy arrives in the West at the end of the last century. A teenager, he embarks on a quest with a posse of wolf hunters, tracking some Assiniboine Indians who have stolen their horses. From Missouri they cross the border into Canada and a law-free zone that attracts the violent to its epicentre, where their actions will not be held to account. The leader of the posse is Tom Hardwick, a man devoid of sentiment, an all-exterior lifeform. "He scratched a match with a thumbnail and his face sprang out at them, bright in the dim surround, like a golden countenance in an old painting." The Englishman's boy's education is in setting his basic humanity against Hardwick's ruthlessness, a rites of passage in the manner

> Russell Celyn Jones

THE **ENGLISHMAN'S** 

BOY By Guy Vanderhaeghe Doubleday, £15.99 ISBN 0 358 40949 4

of Cormac McCarthy's All The Pretty Horses.

The writing throughout the historical chapters is wonder-fully exact, swollen with strik-ing images. A pair of "Christian's shoes" on an Indi-an girl is described as "biting her feet like a dog. And Vanderhaeghe's use of western nomenclature: "mumblety-peg", "crib-girls", "crop-pies", "Henry's sharps" adds authenticity. A wide range of characters are delineated by

speech patterns. My only quibble with this hugely entertaining novel is the over-use of research material in the Hollywood chapters, as if Vanderhaeghe, like scriptwriter Harry Vincent. has been paid by the word. This dual narrative is set in the 1920s in the closing days of the silent film. Harry is employed 🏻 💭 by Damon Ira Chance, a

fascistic and racist studio boss. to track down Shorty McAdoo the Englishman's boy grown old and emblematic of the Frontier spirit. Chance wants to make a Great American movie about Shorty. which like D.W. Griffith's The Birth of a Nation will reflect America itself. If the American destiny is one of forward momentum, then What the American spirit required was an art form of

forward momentum" - the

motion picture. Shorty is not only the genuine article, but one of the last surviving caretakers of oral history. Harry's job is to tease that history out of him. Shorty is no fool and suspicious o Harry's motives. But even he has a price and sells his story for \$4,000. As readers, we get access to the uncensored 19thcentury tale, but Chance wants to peddle the Zane Gray version of the West, a story of Aryan supremacy, and manages to make a hero of the violent and evil Tom Hardwick. The book thus

culminates in a double

disaster, one prefiguring the Harry Vincent is the antithesis to Tom Hardwick; sentimental (he maintains his sick mother in an expensive sanatorium; while the cowboys don't seem to have mothers) and naive. But what makes Harry so naive is unclear. Chance's machiavellian political ambition is obvious to everyone but him. However, in this world at least, people get their just deserts. Chance falls on his own sword. The Assiniboine Indians maintain their euphoria. And through them we glimpse a superior civilisation to the one Hardwick belonged to and Shorty survived with integrity.

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and which Chance tries to

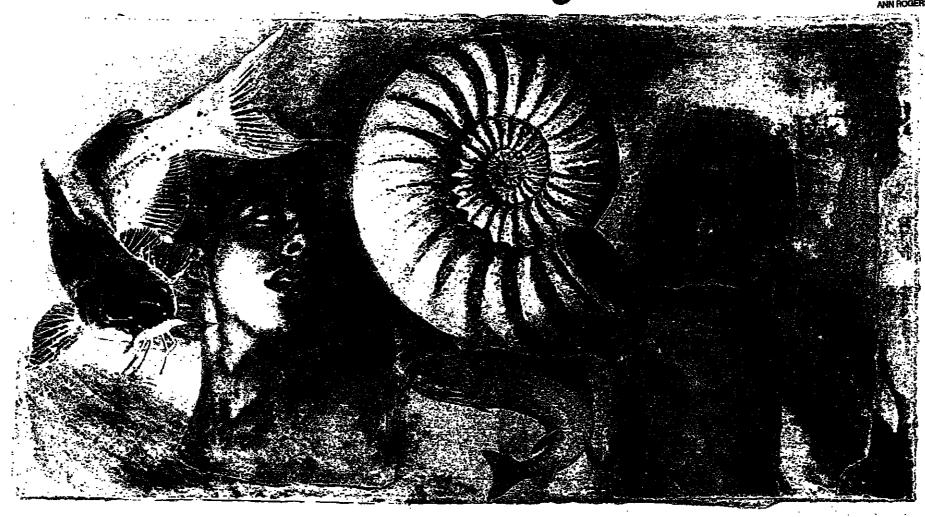
# Light work of stormy weather

Erica Wagner sails through a captivating tale of spies at sea

o what is it with authors called Paul? Woe bende you. hapless writer, should your parents chanced to have given you this name: for you will be almost certain - or so it is beginning to seem - to create a character who shares your appellarion. P. Auster springs to mind as one particularly fond of this trick: P. Theroux, in fictionalising his life to the intense distress of his nearest and dearest, has followed suit. Now P. Warkins joins the self-referential ranks when the spying, seafaring Paul-protagonist of The Story of My Disappearance abandons his given surname. Wedekind, along with his German cirizenship, and chooses one that Rhode Island tongues find less twisting: Watkins, Wouldn't you know.

But then it is hardly surprising tha: Wedekind/Watkins should be struggling with his identity. He is a Stasi man, sent to America by his East German masters just before the fall of the Berlin Wall. He is a mechanic, but his cover makes him into a fisherman; he and the beautiful, mysterious Suleika make their living trawling off the coast of New England - and just occasionally picking up passengers from a Russian sub or two. His American odyssey is possible because according to the official record Wedekind died in Afghanistan. He can be anyone he wants. He is no one.

That he is not Paul Watkins. novelist, at least becomes clear midway through the novel when he finds himself reading "a book about a boy who used to work the Newport docks". That would be Calm at Sunser, Calm at Dawn, Watkins's second novel and first venture into the treacherous waters of America's eastern shoals. But don't let all this deverness fool you into thinking that you've got some tedious Post-Modern exploration of the nature of



identity on your hands. What you have is a rattling good yarn elegant-ly told — with a fine examination of the nature of identity, and the

meaning of loyalty, thrown in. The novel begins, as his last novel, Archangel, did, with a shattering image of violence: Paul and Suleika, minding their own business in the local bar, see a man drive an iron spike through another man's skull. Watkins knows, and has clearly proved in his earlier books, the first rule of novel-writing; get the read-er's attention. It works. Surely you would not be quite human if you did not wonder who these men were. why one killed the other, why Paul feels his blood run cold when he catches sight of the killer's face.

For much of the rest of the novel Watkins pushes us back into the past, forging the links between Wedekind's life as he lives it now and the history that infects it particularly his time in Afghanistan and his friendship with a college pal turned slippery black-marketeer, Ingo Budde. To reveal much more would be to reveal too much: part of the pleasure of this novel, and it is a great pleasure, is its story - with its sombre black and silver cover. all Faber & Faber understatement, you might not mark out this object as a thriller, but that it certainly is. Watkins, however, never sacrifices his writing to serve his plot: the language is stretched drum-tight, capturing with efficient precision

THE STORY OF MY DISAPPEARANCE By Paul Watkins Faber. £14.99 ISBN 0571192440

the fish and diesel smell of a New England seaport, or the altogether grimmer and more terrifying odour of a prison camp, of men in the

presence of pain and death.

The beauty is in the detail: he seems to be able to observe every passing moment with the clarity of a strobe light: the oyster shells scattered on the floor in the wake of the stabbing, the bar-owner standing

unspooling from his hands. Caught in a storm Paul sees "the lightning flash so furiously that it actually turned the air over the island green, like bright sunlight through a summer leaf". He photographs the moment, again and again and again. That such detail is unable to pin down an exact image of Paul or Suleika or Ingo is not a weakness in the writing but a strength: these are characters who become themselves

only as they seem to vanish. It is tempting to search for weakness in Paul Watkins's work. Still in his early thirties, his six novels have ranged across time and distance, from wartime Germany to the Black-and-Tan feuds of Ireland

Maine to the skies of Africa - and now he has returned to the New England coast. He is no longer precocious but formidably skilled, and it is only occasionally that his writing shows the joins. In some of the earlier parts of this novel the echo of the research that clearly went into it sounds rather loudly. and I was not quite convinced by Wedekind's smooth transition to American citizenship.

But these are minor points. I devoured this book not once but twice, and enjoyed it just as much when I knew what was coming. P. Watkins can call his characters whatever he pleases. He tells a fine

The Eta Carinae nebula as seen by the Hubble space telescope

# In the beginning was the atom

The most incomprehensible thing about the Universe is that it is comprehensible. Einstein's well-known aphorism expressed his amazement that the are somehow attuned to understand, apply not just here on Earth. but in the remotest galaxy. Just as biologists can delineate how human beings emerged on Earth, so astronomers are setting our solar system in a cosmic context, tracing the causal chain right back to the initial

instants of an explosive "big bang". Cosmic discoveries attract media attention - sometimes, indeed, excessive hype. Timothy Ferris. formerly a professor of journalism, is deservedly acclaimed in the United States for his eloquent and discerning writings on science. His latest book. The Whole Shebang, offers a lively romp through all the newsworthy thenies - black holes, time travel, supernovae, quarks, life in space, and so forth. His status as a commentator, rather than an engaged participant in the research enterprise, leads to a balanced perspective. He has a sure touch in discriminating strongly based claims from those on the speculative fringe: he focuses on the key ideas. avoiding technical details that none

but specialists need bother about. Ferris does not shy away from the spooky paradoxes of quantum theory and the arcane concepts of Two books take Martin Rees on a journey through time and space

aws of physics, which our minds "superstrings" in ten-dimensional about the early history of our Earth. space - indeed, his expositions of these challenging topics are out-standing. He enlivens the story with astutely observed vignettes of the leading scientists, and commentar-

ies on the sociological dimension of Cosmologists used to be free to

weave theories almost unencumbered by any facts. But technical advances in observation and experiment have transformed cosmology from speculation to

Telescopes can detect objects so remore that their light took ten billion years journeying towards us, giving "snapshots" of galaxies that were newly forming from the debris of the "big bang". Other delicate measurements reveal relics of still earlier eras when everything was squeezed hotter and denser than the centre of a star. Inferences about the first few seconds after the "big bang" are as firmly based as the deductions of geologists and fossil-hunters

basic questions still flummox us. Why is our Universe expanding? How, from its dense beginnings, did it heave itself up to such a vast size?

The only compelling answer to this question comes THE WHOLE from Alan Guth, a SHEBANG young American theorist, who offers By Timothy Ferris Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20 ISBN 0297815180 his personal perspective on cosmol-THE INFLATIONARY ogy in The Infla-UNIVERSE tionary Universe. By Alan Guth Guth did not start Cape, E18.99 ISBN 0 224 04448 6 out as a cosmologist: his prime in-

terest was in how subatomic particles might behave if the temperatures were colossally high. But he realised that the dense early Universe was perhaps the hottest place of all. Guth recalls his "eureka moment". One day in 1979 he went to his office, inscribed in his notebook, in very large letters, the words "spectacular realisation", and recorded his remarkable insight; an entire universe could "inflate" from something far smaller than an

Guth recounts how his proposal was received: initial scepticism was replaced by enthusiasm when it had fully sunk in. He delves deeper into technicalities than Ferris does to explain how he and an international ironed out some snags in the theory; parts of his book are tough going for readers unversed in physics. He gives the flavour of life as a young researcher in the boisterous and competitive atmosphere of American academia. He also conveys how science can be an intensely social and interactive activity, and the erratic and fitful way in which new

ideas clarify.

Guth's idea is not yet as "battletested" as the story that cosmologists tell about the later evolution of our Universe. But it remains the only credible explanation for the most crucial brute fact about our Universe — its expansion and its scale. Moreover, it is an idea with fascinating implications: for instance, it suggests a very much grander cosmic perspective where the "big bang" that led to our Universe is just one of many.

The fox knows many things, but the hedgehog knows one big thing." If Guth is right, he will indeed have taught us something big.

Sir Martin Rees is the Astronomer Royal His book Before the Beginning was published by Simon & Schuster earlier this year.

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# Gone on an awfully big adventure

He hated authority in any form. He regularly exhort-ed students to think for themselves (to "tune in, turn on and drop out"). And he believed human beings had an obligation to transcend the meagre dimensions of their minds and merge with the Cosmic Oneness, whether by dropping LSD, migrating across the Universe in gigantic spacecraft or performing cyber-sex on the Internet. Quite unlike Thoreau, however, Leary wasn't the sort of man who could rest content with a finy cabin in the woods and a few bags of beans. Instead. he lived his life (and died his death) in front of as many

spectators as possible. Leary greeted the diagnosis of his terminal prostate cancer as a means of total liberation", and immediately established the mother of all parties" in his living room both real and virtual

Originally he planned to

escape to the future by having

a high-profile cryonics com-

pany chop off his head and

Scott Bradfield DESIGN FOR DYING By Timothy Leary With R. U. Sirius

Thorsons, £15,99 ISBN 0722535457 freeze it in a vault. Then, when he decided he didn't want to

wake up in 50 years surrounded by humourless men with clipboards", he decided to try out one of his more conservative alternatives instead. This meant having himself cremated and his ashes launched into outer space. According to Leary, organising your "designer death" does not mean buying your casket

from John Lewis. It means oping out of the "death factories" known as hospitals. and making your own choices about how, when and where you want to go. You can download your personality onto your computer's hard-drive or prepare for death the same way you would for a psychedelic journey. "I can't wait for

the moment when I'll have the



Ready for the final trip: Timothy Leary, still cheerful in his last days

experience of being in my brain without my body being around," writes Leary. It's hard to believe that he never enjoyed this particular experience before.

In his writings, at least, Leary was an eternal optimist, which is why even from the grave his voice continues to sound refreshing and offbeat. in this dense and final reflection, he discourses freely on the various ways our minds

bodies in the imminent age of "postbiology", extolls the trans-galactic virtues of DNA. and enthuses on the bizarre possibilities of nanotechnology — the science of creating sub-microscopic, self-replicating robots which will redesign the infrastructure of our bodies until we all resemble the insides of a PC.

As the notorious hacker R. U. Sirius suggests in his moving Afterword, Leary was

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because he never felt comfortable with who he was in the first place. He alienated most of the people who loved him, losing both a wife and a daughter to suicide, and spent his entire life looking for different ways to get high on everything from agarettes to psilocybin. At the same time. though, it's hard not to admire someone who lived 76 years and was never at a loss for big

impersonal forces, perhaps

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make-over with lies.

Piers Paul Read on the Vatican's

THE ENDAY AUGUST

survival

t is often said, even by Roman Catholics, that the Church will survive into the third millennium only if the present Pope changes its teaching to accommodate the manners and morals of the modern world. The riposte to this is to be found in two new. histories of the papacy which show how time and again it has triumphed over its adversaries, however untenable its position seemed

The longevity of the papacy as a continuous institution is a unique phenomenon in the history of the human race. "The papacy," writes Eamon Duffy, "is the oldest as well as, arguably, the most influential of all human institutions." The historian," writes Paul Johnson, "bows his head in humble respect at its antiquity, continuity and durability, and observes in awe its endless splendours and shadows as they flicker across the centuries. It has now survived two entire millennia with its essential functions intact."

the tradition accepted from the earliest times is that St Peter, the leader of Christ's disciples and the "rock" upon whom he built his SAINTS AND SINNERS

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Its origins are undocumented but

A History of the Popes By Eamon Duffy Yale, £16.95 ISBN 0300073321 THE PAPACY Edited by Michael Walsh With an Introduction Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £25 ISBN 0 297 83559 9

Church, was crucified in Rome together with St Paul, and was buried beneath what is now the high altar of St Peter's. The exact status of his immediate successors in the early Church is unknown. but the continuity between Apostle and Pope was established as early as AD 180, and "by the beginning of the third century the Church in Rome was an acknowledged point of reference for Chrispans throughout the Mediterranean world."

The role of the papacy as the supreme court of the Church, and so the source of the Church's unity. is perhaps the only consistent element in its long history. The for orthodoxy was apparent almost from the start, but their relations with the secular world have varied greatly according to political circumstance. The conversion of Constantine eventually made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire, but it began a rivalry between Popes and Christian emperors and kings that lasted at least until the First World War. Paradoxically, papal power over national churches has often been greater when the gov-ernments were indifferent or even antagonistic towards the Church. The Pope's control over the appointment of bishops is today

greater than ever before. To tackle the history of 261 Popes over a period of 2,000 years is a daunting task: Ludwig von Pastor's 37-volume History of the Popes covers only 450 years. Of the two



authors only Earnon Duffy at-tempts it. The Papacy has Paul Johnson's name on the dust jacket but he contributes only an introduc-tion and an afterword. The bulk of the book is made up of essays by different scholars edited by Mich-∍i Walsh. a b109 John Paul II and the librarian of Heythrop College. This cross-fertilisation of Johnson, a wellknown traditionalist, with a liberal Catholic such as Walsh, no doubt ensures an even-handed treatment of the subject. The only disadvantage is in the change in tone from Johnson's sparkling prose in his introduction to the drier tone of the academics whose essays follow. Each is an expert in his field, and there is no doubt that we have in it the results of the most up-to-date thinking and most recent research. but it denies the book a broad sweep or a consistent style.

Earnon Duffy's book, by contrast, has a grand perspective that suits its subject. This is not what one might have expected from the meticulous scholar who wrote The

Stripping of the Altars, Duffy's acclaimed study of the Reformation

arely can a professional historian have moved so successfully from the paricular to the general as Duffy does in this history of the Popes: The reader is caught up in the enthusiasm he clearly feels for his subject. He enlivens the long march though church history with anecdotes that bring the different pontiffs to life and, though the genesis of the book was a television series, there is never a sense that this is anything less than a serious and authoritative history. Saints and Sinners is a remarkable achievement.

How is it that the papacy has survived? Although Duffy, like Johnson and Walsh, is a Catholic, he carefully avoids any claim to a divine guarantee. Johnson ascribes this extraordinary phenomenon to the link with Rome, the universality of the institution and the variety of the individuals. Perhaps more sig-

- now numbering almost a billion that the successor to St Peter has inherited his powers to bind and loose, and the keys to the kingdom of Heaven. Many of the Popes abused this office, but even from a purely temporal perspective, it can be said that the good of the good Popes such as Gregory the Great outweighs the bad of the bad ones: and even the bad turn out not to have been as bad as we imagined. Many aspects of their behaviour and policies that we find reprehensible, or at least baffling." writes John O'Malley in his contribution to The Papacy. were due not to moral degeneracy but to fiscal and ecclesiastic systems that almost equired them to act as they did . . . "

Both histories agree the iniquities of the infamous Alexander VI were probably exaggerated by his enemies. They also feel that much can be forgiven Renaissance Popes such as Sixtus IV and Julius II for their lavish patronage of the arts. The fine colour illustrations in both books help to make their point.

# Marianne Wiggins admires a Grand Inquisitor

I know a woman who, as a particularly challenging dead-ine approaches in her work, dreams she is roused in the middle of the night by an insistent knocking at her door. In her dream she rises, draws her nightdress about her and holds a lantern up as she opens the door to discover a small figure of a man wrapped in a trencheoat whom she initially mistakes for Sartre. Immediately this compact figure begins to interrogate her vigorously in English. French and German, his presence on her threshold like a tumbler of bicarbonate of soda, bubbly, fizzing, sparkling: gassy, It's George Steiner "What assurance do you have you're working hard enough?" he needs to know. "What do you believe in? Are you busy? Do you have a moment? What is the

crus of your existence?" If you're going to dream a Grand Inquisitor, the subconscious choice of Steiner says a lot about how well stocked your cellar is. I usually come up with Jeremy Paxman, but that may well be a dreamy function of the ol' mind/body problem, of libido over celebration. Errata: An Examined Life. Steiner's new collection of 11 suasive, admonitory essays, succeeds in lifting the veil on the identity of which Grand Ink has kept Steiner on the knife edge of preparedness all his life, madly cramming in anticipation of life's final test, the ultimate trick

But Steiner trumped this trick so long ago — in Language and Silence, After Babel, Antigones,

# Critic on the edge

An Examined Life By George Steiner Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £11.99 ISBN 0.27781838-4

The Portage to San Cristobal of A. H. - that I have to question why with all the brilliance bestowed on him at birth and every subsequent opportunity, as it appears from my casual observer's perspective, pas-sionately and fruitfully exploited in the best of senses, he continues to harry his personal peace of mind with public displays of self-justifieation. That he does so here with humour and self-deprecation is to his credit: that he does so at all prompts a recollection of Lyndon Johnson showing the world the sear tissue through which his gall hladder had been surgically

Every profession creates its own province and, therefore, its own professionalism. By all accounts. Steiner is a galvanic, exacting

teacher. If you have been fortunate enough to watch him give a lecture. as I have, then you have appraised, conspiratorially or not a rabid intellect at work, meticulous and tender, sensuous and pompous, in promoting his own passions. He writes, when he's writing from his senses, like an angel. His gifts are so many and so energetically expressed that it is not surprising, given the jealous attention to every gesture in any provincial society. that his academic achievements have been attacked. But it is one thing to be called to battle to face Achilles, Julius Caesar or — heil — Rambo; it is quite another to be called into the fray to fight a single

army ant. And that's what Errata, in the most part, reads like: man against mosquito. Steiner Agonistes. The display of a luminous intelligence volunteering for a downward eddy to substantiate itself to lesser lights.

Most of the II so-called essays in Errata read as perorations, as if, as suspect they were written originally as lectures. There is little here. for any Steiner fan, that's new. More fuel, for Steiner foes, for fire. Steiner is too smart not to have recknned that. And I'm angry with him for playing to that choir. For not targeting his intelligence elsewhere, beyond the boundary of the province that would squeeze him. Who knows - maybe Socrates once turned to Plato to ask: "Do these pants make me look fat?

All we can hope is that Plato replied: "No, the pants don't. But the question certainly does."

# A Ford you can rely on

he rhythm of Richard Ford's prose is distinct but discreet. like the hum of an expensive engine: his words are measured but never laboured, his cadences artfully artless. The effect is wholly American, the legacy Hemingway's. The three novellas that comprise Women With Men offer the pleasures of this style, simulta-neously frank and oblique, and the poignancy of Ford's insight into the lives of the striving and the flawed.

Like Frank Bascombe, the hero of Ford's novels The Sportswriter and Independence Day, the men in these stories are adrift in their lives, in search of life itself. They crave mutability and purpose equally. It is the women around them who act. whether in departure or in patience: it is the women who take responsibility. In this sense, the book's title is apt, but all three novellas belong to their male protagonists; it is their confusion that attracts Ford's meticulous eye.

Tellingly, two of the pieces are set in Paris, the emblematic centre of American exile, where life is lived in translation — or, more often, in iberating and terrifying incomprehension. The Womanizer follows Martin Austin, a 44-year-old from Chicago, in his bungled search to regulate life, do little harm and still be attached to others". On a business trip to France, he meets Josephine Belliard, a divorce with a small son. Theirs is not a consummated affair but rather the delicious maintenance, over several days, of "the exquisite moment before anything is acted on and when all is potential, before life turns this way or that." Barbara. Austin's wife of many years, sees his behaviour differently: You think of yourself as a given," she observes. "that what you go off to some foreign country and do won't have any effect on you, won't leave you different." Austin, fighting to live in the moment, seems incapable of comprehending consequences and hence of comprehend-

ing life.

The weight of consequences hangs over 17-year-old Lawrence. too, but he is their passive observer.



Richard Ford: delineating a quiet conflict of the sexes

#### Claire Messud

WOMEN WITH MEN By Richard Ford Harvill, £14.00 ISBN 186046-341-X

The narrator of Jealous recalls the Thanksgiving of 1975, when he leaves his father in Montana to travel with his aunt Doris to his mother's new home in Seattle. Awaiting the train in a bar in a town called Shelby, the boy and his aunt are witness to hideous violence, its motives a matter only of shadowy conjecture to them, just as his parents' separation and the bond between his father and Doris remain murky to young Lawrence.

In Occidentals, Charley Matthews, like Martin Austin, is in Paris. A former professor, a former husband and father, Marthews has travelled with his lover. Helen, to meet the French publisher of his

first novel. But the publisher leaves town unmer, and in the bitter damp of Parisian winter, the couple's trip somehow becomes Helen's. Matthews has claimed that he would like for things not to centre so much on me", and this is indeed what transpires; but this translation of focus - like the in translation of his novel - is more extreme a process than he has anticipated Often, of course, you learn what your book is about after you write it." suggests his French translator. "Sometimes after someone translates it and tells you."

Ford's men seek meaning, in their fumbling, convoluted steps, and it is the women in their lives who, in one way or another, provide translation, the glimmers of truth. But these men are also seeking control, and some measure of freedom - the very control and freedom that Ford, in his mastery. has over his stories - and that, it would seem, they can find only fleetingly, and alone.

United States insists on war

then we will all meet in hell."

But Khrushchev had the wit to know when his bluff was

called, and the eleverness to

dress up defeat as victory. In

securing a no-invasion pledge, he claimed that his goals had

been achieved. But it was hard

to cover up the humiliation of

withdrawal. Castro was furi-

ous. His "protector" was sud-

denly catting deals with the

enemy. The Cuban seemed to

prefer a nuclear exchange to

backing down.

#### CLAY BLAIR served in a United States Navy submarine in the Pacific late in the last World War, and worked on several leading American magazines before he turned historian. He is well qualified to tackle the subject of this book, and has done an enormous amount of work - as testified by 70 pages of appendices, listing inter alia every U-boat that operated west of the Baltic, with commander's name, year and month of birth and its tate.

Life in a U-boat in the Atlantic was often violently uncomfortable. "Conditions below were pure hell, like living inside a tumbling, wet barrel." Moreover, the crafts" hulls were often inadequate to stand the strains to which they were subjected; their torpedoes often malfunctioned. Casualties were severe; but the crews' morale on the whole remained high.

Elaborate orders were given, when the World War igainst Hitler's Germany broke out, to the few U-boat crews available that they were to respect international law. Orders broken that very day - September 3, 1939 - by Lemp, who then commanded

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## Wolves beneath the sea

M. R. D. Foot

HITLER'S U-BOAT WAR By Clay Blair Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £30 ISBN 0 297 84076 2

U-30 and torpedoed the SS

Athenia, a passenger liner he mistook for an auxiliary cruiser. On Hitler's orders, the Germans pretended Athenia had been sunk by the British. Before long, German propaganda was trumpeting out the successes of the various Uboat aces: and indeed, the submarine effort almost brought Great Britain to disaster. Almost, but not quite: as Mr Blair concludes: "While the Uboat campaign against the combined Allied tanker fleet caused great hardships and inconveniences, it failed to achieve a decisive strategic success." The same could be said of the efforts against the Royal and United States navies and against merchant shipping supplying the United

Kingdom in general. The book has plenty of detailed accounts of actions at sea: such as Prien's extraordinary feat of arms, when he

torpedo the Royal Oak, or Baker-Cresswell's duel with Lemp in mid-Atlantic on May 9, 1941, in which Lemp drowned and the British emerged with U-110's Enigma machine intact. It is a relief to read a piece of naval history in which proper weight is given to intelligence's part in the fighting: both to the advantages the Germans got from reading the simple code on which the Admiralty long insisted for convoy captains. and to the role played by Bletchley Park in securing the Germans' eventual defeat. The second half of the book

deals with the U-boat effort against the United States and runs to September 1, 1942. A further volume is promised to carry the story on to the end of the war, when the colossal productive capacity of the United States came to render the threat from U-boats almost negligible. Even in the period this volume covers the U-boat danger was, according to Blair, not as severe as it was thought to be at the time.

This book will be read with appalled interest by anyone who served in the campaign, or has relatives who lost their lives in it. It is salutary for the British to see it viewed largely from the enemy's point of view. There are some unsettling minor errors (the Nazis. for instance, never had a majority in the pre-1933 Reichstag: Hood was a battlecruiser, not a superdreadnought). Yet it remains a triumph of naval history-

n October 16, 1962, John Kennedy was newspapers when the National Security Adviser. McGeorge Bundy, showed him the first U2 reconnaisance photographs of the Soviet nuclear missile bases in Cuba. In the formight that followed, the United States and the Soviet Union came closer to an all-out cataclysm than at any time during the Cold War. The world had a narrow escape.

from this readable account of the Cuban missile crisis by two scholars - one Russian and one American - who have meticulously reconstructed the events that led to the show-down. The chronology is retold step by dangerous step. and like a tense screenplay. the plot cuts to Washington. then Moscow or Havana and back to Washington.

Fursenko and Nafiali also explore how the two superpowers arrived at this moment of truth and how catastrophe was ultimately averted. Drawing on previously unavailable sources, especially the Kremlin records of Khrushchev's Politburo sessions and the tape recordings of Kennedy's White House meetings, the authors replay the match of superpower chess.

By 1962 Fidel Castro had completed the make over of the Cuban revolution from popular peasant uprising to communist police state. Cuha's ideological template was more Maoist than Leninist, but only the Soviet Union could offer protection to an

# Big boys' games



The real U2: spy plane that saw the Russian nuclear missile sites in Cuba

island 90 miles off the Florida coast. And Castro needed protection. The American-backed Bay of Pigs invasion the year before had failed, but Castro was convinced the Yankees would try again. Nikita Khrushchev, in the early 1960s, was on a roll.

From Sputnik to the Berlin Wall, Moscow had pulled off one spectacular lear after another. But the Kremlin's strategic inferiority rankled Khrushchev (America had stationed Jupiter missiles in Turkey), and China was challenging Moscow for leadership of the international communist movement. Cuba offered an opportunity to sponsor a Third World revolution and to stick a Russian

finger in the American eye. The Bay of Pigs had been a disgrace for Kennedy, and Cuba had become a malignancy spreading through the hemisphere. Moreover, a

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Soviet foothold in America's back yard would be intolerable. Kennedy approved claborate CIA plans to destabilise the Cuban regime, and though he had little faith these would work, he feared anything more overt might provoke a harsh Soviet response elsewhere possibly Berlin.

In surreptinously shipping intermediate-range nuclear missiles to Cuba, the Russians raised the ante. Moscow had acquired a credible "first strike capability against the United States. For the Americans. Cuba was transformed

from a regional nuisance into a strategic threat.

Kennedy shrewdly decided on a military quarantine of Cuba instead of an outright attack, as his service chiefs urged. Rather than a confrontation, the president offered Khrushchev a political way out: a unilateral pledge not to invade Cuba. He also offered an "understanding" that the American missiles in Turkey would be removed (already on the cards anyway). On October 22, just before

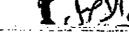
his famous speech to the nation. John Kennedy privately told congressional leaders that, if Khrushchev did not dismantle the weapons, America would have to invade Cuba. And if America attacked. Soviet forces there might launch their nuclear missiles. "It was," he said, "one hell of a gamble." Khrushehev, for his part, commented in the Politburo: "If the

What is most unsettling in

this book is how badly each player misread the other. Castro believed the more Soviet protection there was, the safer he would be. Khrushchev thought he could get away with a strategic provocation of the American giant because the young Kennedy seemed so irresolute. Kennedy thought Cuba was virtually impregnable but that he could choose his own time to deal with the Latin menace. And as the crisis ripened, each leader took steps that made more likely exactly what each was atrempting to avoid. These miscalculations make

for chilly reading. No course was obviously the right one. and the confusion of decisionmaking, back-channel communication and simple slipups demonstrate how easily things could have gone calamitously wrong.

For students of the Cold War who enjoy high-stakes close-call diplomacy, this is a compelling book and an im



CRICKET

# Smith keeps title hopes alive with key wickets

Gloucestershire won toss): Nottinghamshire have scored 255 for eight wickets against Gloucestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ended a fluctuating day's cricket well placed enough to fancy their chance of sustaining their challenge for the Britannic Assurance county championship. After a disheartening first two hours, when they were powerless to prevent the Nottinghamshire openers. Manhew Dowman and Tim Robinson, scoring 101 with little apparent trouble, they struck back with six wickets in te3 minutes in mid-afternoon, before a stand of 78 between Usman Azfaal and Wayne Noon held them up again.

Considering how much rain fell overnight and in the first hours of the morning, it was asionishing that only 75 minutes were lost before the start. at a cost of 20 overs. Uncovered, the pitch proved olive green. It was inevitable that whichever captain won the toss would field and Mark Alleyne's decision seemed likely to be vindicated quickly when Mike Smith beat the lefthanded Dowman five times in two overs with late outswingers, and David Lawrence hit Robinson above the waist from just short of a

Lawrence, seemingly huger than ever in the upper body, was playing his first game since mid-May and only his third of the season. Though he bowled too many short balls for the conditions and failed to take a wicket, he made a daunting sight roaring into bowl and gave the task every-

thing he had got.

Once they gauged the slow pace of the pitch, however, the Nottinghamshire openers batted with such assurance that Alleyne may have regretted winning the toss when, after lunching at 49, they needed

BRISTOL (first day of four: only 12 overs for the second 50 of their partnership.

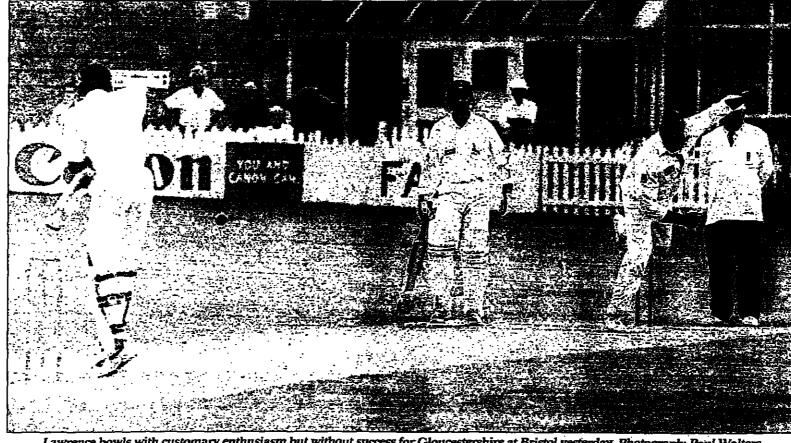
Dowman, 23, a compact 5ft 10in, played with the confidence of a man passing 50 for the sixth time in 13 innings. Outwardly unaffected by his difficulties against Smith, he hit nine fours in a 78-ball fifty and seemed to be playing well enough to turn the innings into his fourth hundred when he was caught off the toe of the bat, almost through a hook stroke off before the ball

Possibly with nothing more than a vague hope that Astle, who, as a New Zealander in his first season with Nottinghamshire, might be surprised by Smith's late swing, Alleyne immediately restored the oncecapped England left-armer to support him. The move worked perfectly. Trapping Astle leg-before with the sixth ball of his new spell. Smith added Metcalfe and Robinson in his next five overs, the latter to a diving catch by Russell, while Johnson was caught and bowled by

Alleyne. When Tolley was caught behind off Lewis, Nottinghamshire had lost six wickets for 47 runs in 15 overs, the collapse reflecting the quality of the Dowman-Robinson stand as much as any change in conditions or improvement in the bowling, though Smith swung the ball more in the

Perhaps Alleyne made a mistake then in resting Smith in favour of Lawrence: Smith had bowled only seven overs. taking three for 19. Such is the affection in which Lawrence is held that he was applauded

when he beat the bat.
His return eased the pressure, however, his four overs costing 20, With Azfaal content to hold an end while Noon went for his strokes, 110 minutes passed before Azfaal became Smith's fourth victim to a low slip eatch by Ball.



Lawrence bowls with customary enthusiasm but without success for Gloucestershire at Bristol yesterday. Photograph: Paul Walters

## Ealham enjoys his birthday bowling

BY JACK BAILEY

PORTSMOUTH (first day of four: Kent won toss): Hampshire have scored 111 for two wickets against Kent

HEAVY rain delayed play until mid-afternoon and it was possible to bowl only 45 overs. Both factors probably contributed to Steve Marsh's decision to bowl first on a pitch whose near-neighbour had yielded 1,253 runs and only 27 wickets during the Yorkshire match earlier this month. A chase at the end, if previous form were a guide, would suit Kent: if the pitch helped the bowlers early on. Kent were well enough equipped to take advantage, even without McCague. So far, a hunt for runs in the

fourth innings has seemed the likelier prospect, Mark Ealham. 28 yesterday, celebrated his birthday with the wickets of Matthew Hayden and Jason Laney, producing the excellent figures of two for 25 during a searching spell. Otherwise, the batsmen held sway. Giles White, with a century against Yorkshire at Portsmouth aiready under his belt this season, has thus far added 39 with Robin Smith and the Hampshire first innings is well under way.

Only II overs were possible before tea, but pointers towards a hard slog for Kent were already present when the prolific Hayden and Laney came off after putting on 32 without being separated. Hercules, the giant heavy roller, had done its work on a pitch, though well grassed, which offered the Kent bowlers little assistance; the heavy rain in the morning appeared to have had little effect.

Something special was needed and Ealham, with his subtle variations of pace and swing, was there to provide it. He entered the fray by bowling the first over after tea and, with the second ball of his third over, he tempted the hitherto secure Hayden into playing early, with the result being a catch to mid-off.

Ealham's next reward owed as much to the outrageous luck of a birthday boy as anything else. Laney, going well, played the ball firmly on to his pad, whence it rattled, via his foot, on to the stumps. That was Kent's last breakthrough. Even the introduc-tion of Paul Strang's leg breaks to tease Robin Smith never looked like bearing

#### Warne has four offers to consider

By Richard Hobson

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE confirmed yesterday that they have offered Shane Warne the position of overseas player next season. Lynn Wilson, the chairman, and Steve Cover-dale, the chief executive, held a third meeting with Warne and Austin Robertson, his adviser,

last Friday. The Australia leg spinner has also received offers from Lancashire, Nottinghamshire and Sussex and says he is "90 per cent certain" to play coun-ty cricket in 1998. He has promised to make a decision before the end of next month, but may face pressure from the Australia Cricket Board (ACB) not to play. Durham

David Boon has confirmed that he will return from Australia to lead the county for a second year in 1998. Only five overs were possible in the game between the two counties yesterday.

At Chelmsford, Essex pro-

gressed uncertainly in two 70minute spells to 107 for three against Warwickshire. Welch claimed the wickets of Hodgson and Robinson, while Hussain fell to Brown. Stuart Law remained 30 not out.

# Vaughan sustains Yorkshire's drive

BY BARNEY SPENDER

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 247 for three wickets against Lan-

YORKSHIRE'S hopes of landing their first county champ-ionship title since 1968 may rest primarily on Glamorgan, Kent and Gloucestershire, the three teams above them, slipping up, but they gave every indication on the first day of this Roses match that they intend to keep up the pressure all the way.

On a pitch that belied its green tinge, Michael Vaughan posted his second championship century of the season and shared an authoritative partnership of 147 with David Byas, the captain, as Yorkshire dodged the showers, which robbed the day of 32" overs, and built a fine plat-

form for a big total today.

Lancashire, without Michael Atherton, who was away contemplating his England future, worked hard for a breakthrough and were rewarded eight overs from the close when Vaughan; having just reached his hundred off 172 balls, with 16 fours, tried to work Jason Gallian through

the on-side and lost his off-In the next over, Byas also fell, holing out to Martin at mid-on, but it was cold com-

fort for Lancashire, for whom the end of the season cannot come quickly enough. Apart from the Axa Life League, they have struggled and the grow-ing sense of disunity around the place has gathered fuel this week with the resignation of John Bower, the chief executive, and reports that Gallian may be sailing down to Middlesex at the end of the season.

Vaughan's season, which began with a hundred against Oxford University and a fine 161 against Essex has been fragmented by a broken finger, but yesterday he looked assured in reaching his century in just under four hours.

Anthony McGrath gave an

early chance to Mike Warkinson at third slip as Peter Martin and Ian Austin found some movement but was finally undone by the spinof Gary Yates. Byas scratched around but soon found the offspin of Mike Watkinson to his liking, several times striking him over mid-off for four and; once, for six on his way to 61.

## Middlesex struggle as Moody's seamers dominate

BY PAT GIBSON

KIDDERMINSTER (first day of four, Worcestershire won toss): Middlesex have scored 217 for seven wickets against Worcestershire

MOST of the factories that made the town famous have closed now but they can still produce a decent carpet at Kidderminster. They rolled one out yesterday with enough pile on it to transform a traditional batsman's paradise into the "result pitch" that Worcestershire wanted if they were to maintain their improbable challenge for the county championship.

It was much greener than

usual and, when play eventually got underway after lunch. Tom Moody, the Worcester-shire captain, put Middlesex in on the reasonable assump-tion that none of their batsmen would be able to emulate David Sales, of Northampton-shire, who last year became the youngest player to score a double century since W. G. Grace in a match of 1,512 runs.

He was not wrong. The two Worcestershire seamers. Sheriyar, the left-arm quick. and Mirza, the right-arm fast medium, made the ball nip around and not even Ramprakash could get far. Kallis had already fallen to

Sheriyar, beautifully picked up by Hick at second slip as he drove recklessly at a wide one. when Ramprakash was caught behind off Mirza after struggling for more than three quarters of an hour for nine. Pooley promised more, hitting ten fours in his 45 before he got a ball from Hayes that seemed to stop and lobbed a simple catch to mid-on.

Gatting and Shah then did their best to give the innings substance, but neither looked particularly comfortable and they both got out in the same over from Sheriyar — the veteran caught at first slip, the

novice at extra cover.
It was left to Nash to keep Middlesex afloat, but Moody could be satisfied with his side's progress on the day he declined the offer to coach them as well. I just feel I would not be able to do all the jobs justice if I put coaching on top of the captaincy and playing," he said.

#### Rain denies **England** decisive win

By SARAH POTTER

HINCKLEY (England won toss): Match abandoned

JUST when England seemed to be on the verge of taking a decisive 3-1 lead in the fivematch series with South Africa yesterday, they were denied by a thunderous downpour. The umpires began the day by rescuing a frog from the path of the heavy roller and ended it at 5pm by declaring the sodden pitch unfit. The damp and rural confines of Hinckley must have seemed a long way from the splendours of Lord's

a week ago. South Africa never came to terms with the difficult conditions. Although Redfern fell over delivering her first ball. she quickly claimed the wickets of Burger and Reid with her left-arm swing. The slow outfield made

boundaries a rarity. The first four came in the lifteenth over. so picking up quick singles became essential. Poor running, however, severely restricted the touring team and Conrad Hunte, the coach, will need to improve this if South Africa are to be a force in the World Cup. They travel to Milton

Keynes on Saturday for the final match with the series still alive. England, with a 2-1 lead, and a near-win here, will doubtless be the more

# Rao brightens the gloomy Sussex start

BY IVO TENNANT

AT THE Oval, the floodlights installed for the first competitive day-night cricket match in England brightened up the surroundings. At Edgbaston, they cast an iridescent glow. Sooner or later, a first-class county without a Test match ground would attempt to stage such a fixture, although the surprise was that it was Sussex who did so ahead of less conservative clubs.

At the Oval and Edgbaston, the floodlights did not appear incongruous. Beside the seaside, it was a different matter. They were turned on and kept on throughout bright sunshine which lasted for most of the Sussex innings. Otherwise, this was a somewhat

lukewarm affair. Rain earlier in the day might have deterred some spectators from arriving for the start of this Axa Life League match, which was reduced to 38 overs a side. The fact that Sussex - self-styled the Tigers yesterday - were at the bottom of the table might not have helped either, al-though the spectacle, rather than the intrinsic merits of both sides, was the attraction. By 6.30pm, about 4,000 spectators had arrived, and more were trickling.in.

Tony Pigott, the Sussex chief executive, was in no doubt that this experiment would not be the last at Hove. He believes

that one day all the county's limited-overs matches may be staged under floodlights permanently installed. "We are in the business of entertaining and must try as many ways as possible to get people into grounds when it suits them,"

In Birmingham, there is a proven market for this kind of cricket. It is the obvious venue. To what extent spectators will take to it on the more staid south coast is another matter - particularly when Sussex bat as they did here. They lost five wickets cheap-

ly against Surrey's experi-enced attack. The former Sussex player, Ian Salisbury. bowled tidily, taking the wicket of Moores, the captain, Rao. who batted so splendidly in the NatWest quarter-final at Derby, made a half-century that ensured his side would make a reasonable total. He cut and drove with panache. ☐ Neil Lenham, the Sussex batsman, has been forced to retire from first-class cricket because of a persistent foot injury. The 32-year-old, who made his county debut in 1984 and was capped six years later, has played in only six championship matches this season. Lenham hit more than 10,000 first-class runs, including 18 centuries, with a highest

score of 222 not out against

Kent at Hove in 1992

#### Rogers puts Norfolk in charge

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

LORD'S (Shropshire won toss): Shropshire, with nine wickets in hand, need 234 runs to beat Norfolk

CARL ROGERS, with a chanceless unbeaten hundred, showed his burgeoning talent as Norfolk exposed Shropshire's bowling frailties in the MCC Trophy final. Rogers. 26, spent two summers playing for MCC Young Professionals and his Lord's connection extended to second XI games for Middlesex, along with trials for Derbyshire, Essex, Northamptonshire and

Sussex. The patient Rogers made [19] not out from 166 balls, struck 13 fours and worked Norfolk into a commanding position, initially during an opening partnership of 137 in 32 overs with Carl Amos.

Their progress seemed ponderous but the ball seamed in poor light before conditions turned in favour of the batsman as Asif Din, the former Warwickshire all rounder discovered. After regular rain interruptions, the wet hall and Nortolk's wickets in hand conspired against his leg-spin as he conceded 64 runs from

With the bat, however. Din dug in to preserve Shropshire's hopes, before play ended through bad light at

#### Britannic Assurance county championship Derbyshire v Somerset

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#### **Derbyshire** back down on Barnett

BY JOHN STERN

DERBY (first day of four; Somerset won toss): Derbyshire have scored 73 for two wickets against Somerset

WINTER, never mind autumn; descended upon Derby yesterday when the 25 overs that the weather allowed were almost secondary to the continued rumblings behind the

Before play started, 80 minutes late, the Derbyshire committee released a peculiar statement concerning the disciplinary action taken two months ago against Kim Barnett, after he had spoken to a local radio station about the departure of the captain, Dean Jones, despite a ban, imposed by the committee, on players talking to the media. Barnett was fined £500 with a further £1,000 suspended, although the fines were quashed a fortnight ago.

However, only now has Barnett been exonerated, the committee admitting that he has never been in breach of his contract". As a result of the statement, there was another resignation from the commit-tee, that of Ian Buxton, who had given up as chairman of the cricket committee earlier in the season.

There has still not been an adequate explanation of the adequate explanation of the events leading up to Jones's departure, although both Barnett and Vic Brownett, the new chairman, indicated that this may not be far off.

During the 7.1 overs bowled before lunch, Michael May was dropped at second slip off Andrew Caddick before he had scored, Adrian Rollins, May's opening partner, was less formmate. When he was hit on the left knee by a ball from Kevin Shine, having inadvertently pushed the pad aside with his bat, the outcome. was a fractured kneecap that

will end his season. Tim Tweats replaced Rollins when played resumed at 5:30pm and took the score to 67 with May before the latter. having calmly made 25, followed a ball from Graham Rose and was caught behind. Tweats then fell for 26, legbefore to Caddick

#### Dorset captain stands his ground Simon Wilde explains why Peter Roebuck

is angry with a former Somerset colleague

his has been quite a summer for fallings-out on the cricket field. Mariborough and Radicy refused to play ball, then Mark Hott and Robert Croft had that dust up at Chelmsford, Now, in the Minor Counties championship. Peter Roebuck, the Devon captain, has refused to shake hands with Jon Hardy, his Dorset counterpart, and accused him of had sportsman-

Roebuck and Hardy, for-

mer team-mates at Somerset.

put their heads together on

Monday morning to try to stage a worthwhile finish to a

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game disrupted by rain at Dean Park. Bournemouth. The deal, according to Roebuck, was that Devon, who held a first-innings lead of 79. would be allowed to reach at least 155 in their second innings, with Hardy bowling only his spinners and parttime bowlers. Hardy said there was a tentative agreement to chase a total of around 235 in 65 overs and not

deploy Julian Shackleton, his

In the event, Devon were all out for 128. Dorset won the match by seven wickets and Roebuck charged Hardy with reneging on the deal. "I said I would stick to bowling the spinners but I made it clear I wasn't going to feed Devon any runs." Hardy said. "We bowled particularly well but

some fresh gloves out to his

they got themselves out." When Devon were 68 for six. Roebuck stormed onto the pitch - ostensibly to take

batsmen - and had words with Hardy, "I told him I couldn't score the runs for him." Hardy said. "I told him I'd kept to our agreement." At the end of the game the

Devon players refused to applaud their opponents. In 25 vears. I have been battered. bruised and berated on the field, but never before refused to shake hands," Roebuck said, "but this was the most disgraceful thing I have seen. It is hard to see how relations can be restored until he apologises. At present, he is attempting to justify his actions. They are simply

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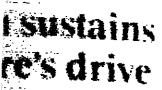
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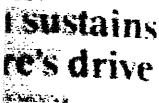
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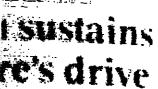
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**RACING:** KING GEORGE WINNER TACKLES ARC WITHOUT ANOTHER RUN

Swain takes direct route

Swain, left; holds off Pilsudski in a driving finish to the King George at Ascot

ing manager, said yesterday. "He would like some give in the ground at Longchamp, but don't forget that will be only his third race of the season and we have always said he is a horse for the second half of

By RICHARD EVANS

RACING CORRESPONDENT

SWAIN, who overcame Pil-

sudski, Singspiel and Helissio

in the Ascot mud to win the

King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes.

will go straight for the Prix de

l'Arc de Triomphe at

Godolphin ream believes the

battle hardened five-year-old - quoted at 7-1 by Ladbrokes

- does not need a tune up in a

race such as the Prix Foy.

He's actually taken the King George very well and won't need a prep race," Simon

Crisford, the Godolphin rac-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: WHATEVER'S RIGHT.

(2.30 Lingfield Park) Next best: Dashing Blue

(4.00 Lingfield Park)

Longchamp on October 5. .: The reason is simple the

Swain finished fourth to Helissio in the Arc last year and was runner up to the have a great chance. You same horse earlier in the cannot rule Swain out of the season at Saint-Cloud. However, Frankie Dettori will be on board at Longchamp as Swain attempts to level the score after his Ascot triumph.

Surprisingly, Helissio looks set to have a prep race in the Prix du Moulin over a mile on

2.00 Generous Embrace

3.00 Dancing Phantom

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2.30 WHATEVER'S RIGHT (nap)

Timekeeper's top rating: 4.30 NEWPORT KNIGHT.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 SADIAN (nap). 4.00 Mary Cornwalls. 4.30 Burning.

GOING: GOOD (TURE COURSE); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER).

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Generous Embrace 8% 5th to First Village in 5% 8 Bath maiden filter stakes (good) Troth Teller 8% last of 7 to To Love With Bermuda 80% in 65 Satisfary making stakes (good to farm). Mystagogue 20% 11th to Bermuda 80% in 65 Satisfary making stakes (good to farm). Satisfar Sam 161 4 en in Chinaider in 67 York setting stakes (60, good), Jast Another Time 11% 2nd to Daymabee in 57 Nottingham charving stakes (good to firm). Repose 139 9th to Zelanda hi 61 Haydock metical stakes (good to firm). Consecus 74% Last of 80 Mishraak in 65 Binghooth nandless) (good to firm). Petaling 4½ 7th to Regal Revolution in 61 Windsor Bities knoalicap (good to firm).

GENERIOUS EMBRACE, favoured by a high draw, can improve on a promising debut

2.30 MURPHYS IRISH STOUT HANDICAP

DRAW: 6F-7F 140YD (TURF), HIGH BEST

build up follows the intervention of Enrique Sarasola, the owner of Helissio, who offered Elie Lellouche, the horse's trainer, the choice of the Moulin or a race in Germany. As Lellouche did not wish to send Helissio abroad he has

opted for the mile race. Crisford added: "It's 2-1 to Helissio so far but I think we Arc. There is no reason why he should not reproduce his King George form, especially if he gets the soft ground which is usually around at that time of the year. He has to be very much respected." Ladbrokes bets: 7-2 Helissio, 5-1 Peintre

Celebre, 7-1 Pilsudski and

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Swain, 14-1 My Emma and Entrepreneur. 16-1 Desert King. 20-1 others. chance." The Godolphin team has

not ruled out keeping Swain in training next year but, in the for the Sheikh Mohammedmeantime, the Breeders' Cup and Japan Cup are among his end-of-term options. He is also entered, along with stable-mate Classic Cliche, in the Melbourne Cup. The King George winner is 30-1 in Australian ante-post lists with Classic Cliche, a winner at Deauville last Sunday, at 25-1.

\*Classic Cliche seems to be coming back to his best form," Crisford said. "He ran well in the Ascot Gold Cup and in the Goodwood Cup he was having to give 51b or more to his

rivals. If he wins the Irish St Leger, he must have a big A season which began badly

inspired Godolphin outfit now holds the prospect of ending with a flourish. Stowaway is favourite for the St Leger after his success in the Great Voltigeur Stakes; Predappio is being aimed at the Canadian International after running in group one race at Baden-Baden on September 7, while Shmoose, who could run at Salisbury next week, will attempt to underline her position among the leaders in the betting for next year's 1,000

# GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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204		SHARP MP 9 (B.C.D.F) (Mrs & Terrmannan) R Flower 7-9-12 (7ex) S Sanders	68
205		VENOCATION 23 (CD.F) (R Kernan) G L Moore 10-9-9	63
206		RED ACMERAL 9 (F,8) (C Mustay Record) C Mustay 7-9-9 Micela Howards	_
207		96 BEN 19 (CDJ) (Lady Danis) R Hannon 3-9-6 Dane O'Nest	74
208		DAMORE 15 (CD.F.C) Li Brown Lidi O Haydh Jones 7-9-4 6 Decembe	68
209		SIGHS AND WORDERS 19 (R Cross) C Cycer 3-9-1 L Deleni	71
210		STAR TURN 8 (Indaw Racing) M Ball 3.9-0 M Fanton	80
211		BOGAN 27. (V) (G Cosmell) Lord Hantingdon 3-8-13 M Roberts	59
212		LE BAM BAM 414 (J. Poters La Bam Bern Synat) C Alten 5-8-13 Montan Dwyer (3)	_
213		LOCHLASS 12 M Johnson) S Woods 3-8-13 W Ryan	43
214		RAW 25 (B.(20,F) (C Wilderson) Say Kellenay 4-8-12 R Fireach (3)	70
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WHATEVER'S RIGHT, with Fallon booked, appeals of his low weight

#### 3.00 BODDINGTONS MANCHESTER GOLD MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-0: £3,143; 7f 140yd) (12 runners)

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SOLD SAINT will be hard to beat it staying this longer trip

# RACELINE

#### Lingfield Park

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8 from 42, 19.0%; R Cochrane, 55 from
381, 17.3%; D McKeown, 20 from 122,
16.4%; W Ryen, 31 from 194, 16.0%; J
Red, 24 from 160, 15.0%.

Musselburgh TRAINERS: M Tomplans, 6 winners from 21 numers, 28 6%; R Guest, 4 from 15, 26 7%; Mrs J Remsden, 5 from 23, 21, 7%; J Fitzpersd, 3 from 14, 21 4%, J Berry, 38 from 178, 21 3%.

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non 178, 21 3%.

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# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Options trading and bridge seem to go well together. This hand, played by an American options trader, was reported by Andrew

Dealer North North-South game +QJ87 **₹QJ98 + Q 10 6** ÷42 N e K 10 5 ÷462 ₹5432 ¥ 10 6 +83 **♦** J 7 5 2 S **₽**K975 ♣ A 10 8 3 **∳943 ▼**AK7 + AK94 **4016** 

South opened One Diamond after two passes, and rebid Two No-Trumps over North's One Heart response: North raised to Three No-Trumps. West led the three of clubs to Fast's king, East continued with the five of clubs to the queen and ace, and West cleared clubs. Notice that if East-West are not falsecarding, the play to the first two tricks means the clubs are 4-1: first, West has led his lowest club; second, East has returned his lowest club.

Robson in The Spectator.

To make the contract declarer had to score four tricks in diamonds. (Playing spades would be too slow - the defence would make three tricks in clubs and two in spades.) To get some clue to the distribution, declarer first cashed the ace and king of hearts. Entry problems meant he could not cash any more hearts, but when West followed with the six and ten. declarer decided to play him for a doubleton heart ( Robson points out West should play the ten of hearts from 10 x x as well as from 10 x, but in practice players don't often do that). With four spades West

would probably have led a spade in preference to a club, and so that marked West with at most three spades. On the supposition he also had only two hearts, that meant he had to have four diamonds, making West twice as likely as East to hold the jack of diamonds. So declarer played a diamond to the ten and made his contract.

Can you see an improve-ment, which will negate any heart falsecards from West? Declarer should have played the ace of hearts, then a heart to the queen, and a heart back to the king. Although that blocks the suit, he can still enter dummy later with the queen of diamonds to cash the fourth heart. And it shows up for certain that West has only ☐ For details of The Times

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#### WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

BARD PARTS

HERMIA

a. Posh Spice

b. A goddess

a. Sporty Spice

c. A washerwoman

b. A landlady

c. A wife

BLANCA

a. A second murderer b. A thick crony c. A brave captain

PERDITA a. A Windsor wife b. A hostess c. A sensible beauty

Answers on page 42

29 Kf2

30 Ne3

36 Kc3

Kb4

#### BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Eight-year-old wins Junior players shone in the Mind Sports Olympiad last

week. Gawain Jones, 9, who earlier this year became the youngest British player ever to beat a master in a rated competition, picked up several prizes. Meanwhile, in the following game Murugan Thiruchelvam, 8, conducted a line strategic game, outplaying a strong opponent to force checkmate in a simplified position. Clearly both Gawain and Murugan have bright

#### futures ahead of them. White: Matthew Broomfield Black: Murugan Thiruchelvam

Mind Sports Olympiad August 1997

#### **English Opening** 1 c4 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3

4 Bg2

25 ext4

26 Cc4

27 Nud5

5 d3 6 e3 7 Nge2 11 b5 Bog2 12 Kvg2 13 d4 14 dve5 15 Ba3 17 Qb3 18 Rbd1 c6 19 Rd2 20 Rtd1 RadB 21 Nd4 22 Pxd4 Rod4 23 Rxd4 Ad8 24 05 Red4

## Diagram of final position 1 4/2 21 1

3 2 企 1

Ne6

Qd3

Vc6~

A further success at the Mind Sports Olympiad for juniors was the achievement Krishnan Chakraborty, 11, who took bronze medal in the chess problem-solving contest, behind grandmaster Stuart Conquest and international master Malcolm Pein (the victim of Gawain Jones in the record breaking game mentioned earlier).

#### Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from book-shops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

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#### WINNING MOVE

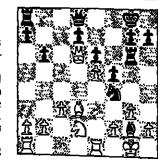
## By Raymond Keene

Qd7

Black to play. This position is from the game Krasnov -Averkin, USSR 1969.

Although Black has invaded the white kingside, he needs to introduce his queen into the attack to finish the game off. How did he now achieve this in fine style?

Solution on page 42



EUROPEAN CUP: Preliminary round, second leg: Spartak Moscow (Russ) 0 (Kosica (Slovelde) 0 (Kosica win 2-1 on app); Moszr (Bele) 2 Olympiakos (Gr) 2 (Olympiakos win 7-2 on 899).

Tuesday's late results

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FOOTBALL: NINE-GOAL UEFA CUP TIE LEAVES DEFENCES IN TATTERS AND BOTH COACHES BEMUSED

# Austrians baffled by Celtic's devilry

By Kevin McCarra

IT MAY be only in sport, with its ability to wrench emotions out of shape, that you will hear a man giggle in despair. A moment or two was required before the realisation dawned that Heinz Peischl, who sat shaking his head and emitting a little laugh, was in distress. He had seen his FC Tirol side beaten 6-3 at Celtic Park and so knocked out of the Uefa

Cup on a 7-5 aggregate. Celtic were the victors on Tuesday, but this was a match that defeated both coaches. Neither Pesichl nor Wim Jansen, his counterpart, could ever have plotted such a

The dressing-rooms had surely been filled with their words of caution and with strictures on the importance of meticulous defending. Both sets of players were attempting to obey, but the game had a marvellous, unruly life of its

To be in the ground was like spending the night in a house haunted by a poltergeist. There was constant upheaval and the final eight minutes brought that mayhem to a

Having taken the field as a substitute a few seconds be-fore. Gernot Krinner scored to ensure Innsbruck were just 4-3 down. With a 2-1 win recorded in Austria, they were on course to advance on the away goals rule.

Some Celtic fans made their despondent calculations and. disgusted with their team, left the ground, but the punishment for a lack of faith was

They had excluded them-



Joy was deserved reward for the anguish they and their followers had encountered. It was a game in the great, delirious tradition of the club.

Eight years ago, Celtic beat Partizan Belgrade 5-4 on a similarly reckless night, but were knocked out of the Cup-Winners' Cup.
Instead of mending its ways

and taking up prudence, the club, against Tirol, once more pitched itself into the maelstrom of passion, mistakes and captivating football. Although Jansen can hardly approve, he too was engrossed.

His side were laughably weak in the centre of the defence, but only a pedant could be absorbed by thoughts of that issue.

Tuesday was really a revelation of the value that some unconsidered players may yet possess. Wieghorst, often injured and generally maligned, proved, for example, to be the most influential midfield player in the match.

Henrik Larsson, whose escape clause allowed him to leave Feyenoord for £610,000, over-ran the Innsbruck defence and matched his stamina with artistry. The Swede's



Larsson, of Celtic, takes on two defenders in a typically powerful surge from midfield during a famous victory

strength of mind was impressive too, for it was his unfortunate own goal that had allowed the visitors to draw level at 2-2 just before the

The game did not accord with Jansen's conception of as a means of recovering football, but he will still restatus, even if Kilmarnock

ceive credit for the result. As such, his standing with the supporters, after an awkward beginning to his time with Celtic, has improved.

For another Scottish club. Europe will also be perceived hope that they can avoid the histrionics. The Ayrshire club has lost its last two games, to Stirling Albion and Hibernian, by margins, respectively,

of 6-2 and 4-0. Repetition of that type of frailty this evening, against Shelbourne in Dublin, would

be ruinous, since Kilmarnock carry forward only a 2-1 lead from the first leg of the Cup-Winners' Cup-tie.

Having returned to Euro-pean football after an absence of 27 years, however, they will be determined to avoid depart-

#### James catches the eye for resurgent Liverpool By Our Sports Staff



suspension.

Booth, signed for £2.65 mil-

lion from Huddersfield Town. was Wednesday's top scorer

with 13 goals last season, but

he damaged a knee in the I-I

draw with Wimbledon last

Saturday. Although he was

passed fit to play against Blackburn Rovers on Monday, he had to go off during the first half of the 7-2 defeat.

Carbone can play in the

home match against Leicester

City on Saturday, but is set to

miss the Premiership matches

against Liverpool and Coven-

try City next month, plus a

DAVID JAMES, the Liverpool goalkeep- season, from Boavista, of Portugal, led the James keeps playing like that, he will er, is back to his best. That is the verdict of Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink, the striker denied by James's imperious performance in the FA Carling Premiership defeat of Leeds United at Elland Road on

The player nicknamed Calamity James. because of the errors that led to him being omitted from the England squad and that were blamed for Liverpool losing out in the championship last season, produced an unblemished display to inspire Liver-pool to a 2-0 win, with goals by Steve McManaman and Karlheinz Riedle.

Hasselbaink, 25, signed by George Graham for £2 million during the close applause. "James was out of this world, magnificent. He produced a couple of saves from me that were as good as anything I have ever seen.

The one when he got down so quick to turn round my close-range shot was the save of his life. I was already celebrating. I couldn't believe he got to it."

James's return to form and Liverpool's

high-quality display in winning their first Premiership game of the season left Roy Evans, the manager, a relieved man after the club's worst start to a league programme for 35 years. Hasselbaink said: "If they keep playing like that, they will be championship contenders and, if soon forget all the stick he took last season. While I was in Portugal, I saw all the Liverpool games on television. I saw the mistakes he made against Newcastle United and the ones against Manchester United. But he was nothing like he had been in those games. He was confident, assured and very agile."

Evans, too was unreserved in his praise. "David was alive and alert. He's improved over the years, even if he did have a bad spell and was criticised for that. No one denies he did not play well at that time, but he's big enough to take it and, when he's in this form, there is nobody better," he said.

Kinkladze adds to City woe



Evans: relieved

# Booth faces month out

By Our Sports Staff

ANDY BOOTH, the Sheffield Coca-Cola Cup tie, after being Wednesday striker, has had a sent off at Ewood Park. cartilage operation and will be Bolton Wanderers are a step out of action for about a closer to signing the South Africa defender, Mark Fish. after Lazio yesterday belatedly month, adding to the early-season problems of his manager, David Pleat, Wednesday gave the club permission to have taken only one point from their first four FA Carpress ahead with the £2 million deal. Colin Todd, the ling Premiership games and Bolton manager, made an will shortly lose Benito Carbone for a three-match



Booth: cartilage operation

abortive attempt to sign the 23year-old early in the close season and has been competing with several other European clubs in the race for his signature, Bolton are now waiting for a Home Office work permit.

Brighton hope to get the green light today to switch this season's remaining home games to Millwall's New Den. The homeless club began the season playing their matches at Priestfield Stadium, the home ground of Gillingham. but the 150-mile round trip has meant that few fans have travelled and only around 2,300 attended the opening home game against Macclesfield Town. The Football League's board of directors will give a final decision on the plan today, with consent likely to be given. However, Brighton have a legal agreement with Gillingham that will cost them £300,000 if the switch goes ahead.

THE injury sustained by Georgi Kinkladze as Manchester City tumbled out of the Coca-Cola Cup on Tuesday night could have implications for England and Italy, as well as the Maine Road club.

The Georgia midfield player was taken off on a stretcher during the defeat by Blackpool and Roy Bailey, the City physiotherapist, yesterday had mixed news. "Georgi has had an X-ray on his injured left ankle and, thankfully, there is no fracture," Bailey said, "but it is still badly swollen and bruised."

Kinkiadze could be out of action for up to a month, which would be a blow, not only to City, but to England supporters hoping that the former Dynamo Tbilisi player would work his magic against Italy in a World Cup qualifying group two match in Tbilisi The Georgian is virtually





Kinkladze: Georgia doubt

figure in Blackpool's surprise victory, standing up to a Manchester City onslaught in the second half and then excelling in the shoot-out. A former West Ham apprentice, Banks joined Blackpool from Gillingham for £60,000 two years ago. He denied City for 88 minutes on Tuesday, only for Kevin Horlock to cancel out Andy Preece's first-leg goal and send the tie into extra time.

That is when Banks really came to the fore, producing a string of outstanding saves. In the shoot-out, his save from Horlock's spot kick turned the tide and City were sunk when Lee Bradbury blazed wide, allowing Micky Mellon to clinch victory.

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FA YOUTH CUP: Preliminary round: Donosster 4 Ashton United 0; Curzon Ashton 0 Richdule 9; Farriborough 0 Sittingbourne 8; Preliminary round replay: Deneby 8 Heiliex 0. "I don't care who we get in the next round now," Banks said yesterday, "If it's a big team, then it will be good for the club. If it's not, we will have a better chance of going through. We'll play anyone."

# Cwmbran borrow money to play cup tie

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

CWMBRAN Town, the League of Wales club, have been forced to accept a livefigure loan to enable them to fulfil their European Cup Winners' Cup preliminary round second leg match against Nacional Bucharest in Romania tomorrow night

Cwmbran, beaten 5-2 in the first leg on their own ground two weeks ago, took less than £3,000 on the gate and now face the prospect of paying around £15,000 in travelling and accommodation expenses for the return. They had been hoping to boost their revenue through television rights and the subsequent increase in sponsorship and advertising.

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but those hopes ended when BBC Wales decided not to screen the match. Although they will receive

E30,000 from Uefa, European football's governing body, for taking part in the competition. Cwmbran will have to wait until next summer for that cash to filter through.

"We had hoped to make enough money from the home leg to cover our costs for the match in Romania - but we didn't," John Colley, the Cwmbran chairman, who confirmed the club had accepted a loan, said. "We have borrowed money, but I cannot say from whom because of

reasons of confidentiality." Cwmbran's financial plight prompted rumours that the

club would have to cut its playing staff to make ends meet, but Tony Willcox, the manager, has denied this. Beaten 1-0 by Rhyl in a League of Wales match last weekend, Cwmbran hope to be at full strength in Bucharest, although they face a near impossible task to save the ne.

Wales are to invite England to play a World Cup warm-up match before next year's finals in France. The countries have not met since the end of the British Championship 13 years ago. Wales winning the last match at Wrexham I-0 with a goal from Mark

Hughes.
-We are negotiating a number of options for friendly fixtures," David Collins, secrea match with Scotland

tary-general of the Football Association of Wales, said. "We would always like a game with England, home or away. It could be that it is something they are interested in before the World Cup finals.

"The difficulty is that those nations in with a chance of getting to France next year are obviously not looking beyond the finals at the moment. That applies especially to those likely to finish second in their group and who would then be involved in play-offs in Nov-ember and December. England don't know yet whether they are going to win their group, so it is difficult for them to consider other fixtures."

Wales also hope to arrange

# Players back down on strike in Spain

THE Spanish Soccer Players' Association (AFE) yesterday announced that it had called off the strike that it had planned for next week. The decision followed a meeting in Madrid between the AFE, the Professional Soccer League, the Spanish Soccer Federation and government officials.

Further negotiations will be held to try to resolve the dispute between the players and their clubs over the number of non-European Union players allowed in each team. There are 193 non-EU players in the top two divisions of Spanish soccer. The AFE says it is concerned

England, where we're a time amounts or

about the influx of South American and Eastern European players. The Brazilians, Romário, Sonny Anderson, Rivaldo, Juninho and Giovanni, are among the leading players in Spain.

The announcement means that the Spanish season will begin, as scheduled, this weekend. Talks between the various parties will take place on September 18. Until now. Spanish clubs, allowed to use an unlimited number of EU players under the Bosman ruling, have also been able to sign up to six players from outside the EU bloc and field as many as four.

SQUASH

## Heath wins in style by resisting notorious old seducer

FROM COLIN McQUILLAN IN HONG KONG

MARTIN Heath, of Scotland, who last weekend successfully defended his Singapore Open title, yesterday began in similar fashion in Hong Kong with a straight games victory over Simon Parke, the No 5 seed, in the first round of the Cathay

Pacific Hong Kong Open.
After the clear superiority of Peter Nicol in the opening first-round session on Tuesday, it was a result that suggests Scotland might be dominating a third successive tournament on the PSA World Tour after Nicol's win in the Al Ahram International and

Heath's in Singapore.

"His confidence was strong." Parke acknowledged of Heath, 24. For his part, Parke wanted a good start to the new tour after recovering from a brush with testicular cancer last year. "You could call me disappointed."

Heath was more pleased with the style of his first win over the world No 5 and England No 2 than with the substance. That was a really good performance for me," he said. "I have never played that well on this Hong Kong court, which this year seemed exceptionally cold after the hot courts in Singapore. I never want to get into a running game with Simon, but I had to resist going for shots too much in case I blew what was obviously an opportunity."

The court, which has glass on three sides, at the Hong Kong squash centre is a notorious seducer of shotmakers. Earlier in the day, the No3 seed and defending Hong Kong champion, Rodney Byles, of Australia, came from behind to beat Graham Ryding only because the young Canadian became too excited to clinch his winning opportu<u>ni</u>ties.

Chris Walker, the No 7 seed and England No I, could find no such route out from under the pressure imposed upon him by Paul Johnson, of Kent. a man ranked 15 places behind

Derek Ryan, the experienced Irish champion, went down 13-15 in the fifth game of a two-hour marathon with Nick Taylor, a qualifier with whom he trains in Manche-ster. Julian Bonetat, the French champion, lost tetchily to Stephen Meads, of Berkshire. The notoriously badtempered Australian, Anthony Hill, went almost with a whimper to the strongest and most rhythmic performance yet from Peter Marshall, the Nottingham double hander.

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#### First gold goes to **Australia**

SHANE KELLY, appropriately for the host nation, took the first gold medal of the world track championships in Perth, Australia, yesterday, when he won his third consecutive one kilometre time-trial title. He has made the event his speciality and holds the world record with a time of Imin 0.613sec. set at altitude in Bogata two

years ago. His was an inspired performance on the 250-metre in-door wooden track. Kelly, with the pressure on him as champion, was the last man to start, chasing a time of lmin 3.397sec, set by Soren Lansberg, of Germany.

Kelly's final lap, when he pulled out unexpected re-serves, took him to victory by 0.24/sec from the silver medalwinner of last year.

In the other final on the opening day, the keirin, Frederic Magne, of France, made a swift opportunist move with one lap to go and finished washellsman. finished unchallenged. Peter Jacques, the British

champion, lost control and fell heavily when trying to avoid a dangerous manoeuvre by a Spanish rider. Jacques lay at the side of the track for several minutes while splinters were removed from his left thigh. Rob Hayles, of Britain, the national 4,000 metres pursuit champion, failed to qualify for

the quarter-finals, recording amin 35.323sec, six seconds shower than his best. The fastest rider for the semi-finals today is Philippe Ermenault, of France. The Olympic champion. Andrea Collinelli, of haly, also reached the last four.

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WALL STREET

GOLF: BALLESTEROS MAY HAVE TO DELAY CONFIRMATION OF WILD-CARD SELECTIONS UNTIL NEXT WEEK

# Martin adds to Ryder Cup confusion

FROM JOHN HOPKINS GOLF CORRESPONDENT

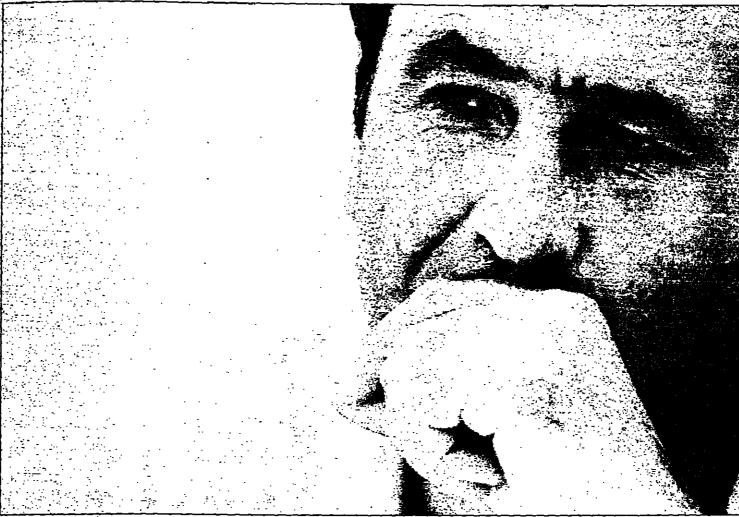
WE HAD thought that the selection of the Europe Ryder Cup team was going to be straightforward. Severiano Ballesteros, no less, beam-ing with self-confidence, said as much in Dublin last week. It is not a dilemma." Ballesteros said. It is very easy." If he had said: "Believe. me," he could not have been more convincing. He is the caprain, after all. He should know.

It transpires that Ballesteros did not know. The selection of his team to play the United States at Valderrama, Spain, on September 26 to 28 is more complicated than he had thought seven days ago. As a result, there may not be much of an announcement on Sunday evening. when it was anticipated that Ballesteros would name the two men that he had selected to join the ten who had qualified as of right. That the situation has changed is

because of confusion concerning Miguel Angel Martin, the Spaniard who injured his right wrist a week before the Open Championship and has been out of golf since. He is tenth in the Ryder Cup points table. One week ago, Ballesteros said: "It is a pity what happened to Martin because he was very much on the team, but unfortunately he injured himself and ruined his hopes for the year. I spoke to him and even if he made the team, and I don't think he will, he will not be able to play

because he cannot play."

The thinking then was that Martin would withdraw from the team this week and the man who was at eleventh in the table would therefore move up a place. As José Maria Olazábal reached the eleventh position by playing so well in Ireland last week, where he finished third, the Europe Ryder Cup team was shaping up nicely. With Olazabal in the team. that would have left Ballesteros free to pick Nick Faldo and Jesper Parnevik. This scenario reduced some of the anxieties that Faldo has had recently and, in the Midlands yesterday, he was talking confidently about what would be his eleventh



A pensive Ballesteros contemplates the potential adjustments that he may have to make to his Ryder Cup team if Martin proves his fitness

because at about the same time, Rallesteros was revealing, on the eve of the BMW International Open here, that Martin has not said that he will withdraw from the Ryder Cup team this week. "He is out of hospital and had the plaster taken off his wrist on Monday." Ballesteros said. "Martin has a chance to be on the team."

Ballesteros said that if Martin remained tenth in the table after the tournament this week, then he would be given a week in which to prove his fitness. In that case, on Sunday

names of the nine men ahead of Martin who have qualified for the team and will not be able to announce his two selections.

"Martin says he is fine and may be able to hit a ball in the next week," Ballesteros said. I have spoken to him four times lately, most recently last night. I have been calling Martin more than I have been calling my wife. Maybe he will be able to tell us something tomorrow."

Meanwhile, there are many possi-

bilities as to the composition of the

Montgomerie, Darren Clarke, Bernhard Langer, Ian Woosnam, Per-Ulrik Johansson and Lee Westwood are certainties

For men like Padraig Harrington (twelfth). Paul Bruzdhurst (thirteenth), Joakim Haeggman (fourteenth) and Roger Chapman (fifteenth), the week is filled with pressure. Any of them could do enough over the next four days to make the Europe team, while Thomas Bjorn, eighth at present, could be

"I am already there," Bjorn said.

They have to do it. If they are good enough to catch me, there is nothing I can do about that. All I can do is to try to play well and see what happens."

week will have a happier end than beginning, when he drove his car off the road. "I shall be glad when the week is over and we can all play normal golf again. Friends say 'You're nearly there, you can make it'. There has been so much hype. I am

"It does get to you." Chapman admined yesterday. He hopes his

asm and great passion for the Ryder Cup," he said. "When

Billington's position is intended to take the pressure off his excitable Dutch-bred gelding. "It's Ono has had a bit of a sticky time recently," Ronnie Massarella, the team manag-Billington's fall in the Dublin Nations Cup earlier this

Massarella, who is confident that Britain can win here. considers Germany, the world and Olympic champions, to be the main threat, with the hiccups between nov Dutch and Swiss close behind. then," Simmonds said.

SAILING

#### Britain pick to British America's Cup hopes

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR

**EQUESTRIANISM** 

Smith for

his proven

pedigree

ROBERT SMITH, son of the former leading showjumper, Harvey Smith, will make his debut in the senior Great Britain team after being named yesterday as one of the four riders who will contest the European showjumping championships, which begin

In what Michael Builman. the chairman of selectors. described as a hard decision. Smith was selected ahead of Di Lampard, on Abbervail Dream, to join John and Michael Whitaker and Geoff Billington. Bullman and Malcolm Pyrah, the two selectors here, took the decision after watching all five compete satisfactorily in the warm-up

class yesterday.

They were all in with a shout up to the last minute." Bullman said. "Di and Robert have both shown consistent form this season - and there's no saving that Di wouldn't do just as well as any of the others in the team - but we decided that, with Robert's record this season, it would be impossible to leave him out."
Smith. 36. last rode in a

championship event in 1977, when he helped to win the team gold medal at the junior European championships. Since then, he has lacked the horses to match his horseman-

Tees Hanauer, who was 14 when he arrived in Smith's yard, was not supposed to be a championship prospect, but the old warrior decided otherwise. Improving with each year, his numerous successes with Smith include the Dublin Grand Prix two weeks ago. a win that has elevated the 17year-old gelding to the position of second-highest moneywinner of the season. With John Whitaker's Virtu-

al Village Welham also aged 17, no one could accuse the selectors of taking risks this week. Whitaker will go in his usual fourth spot in the team for the opening speed leg today. Billington, on It's Otto, goes first, Michael Whitaker second, with Ashley, and Smith third.

month.

# Early blow

By EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

THE chances of a British challenge for the America's Cup in New Zealand in 2000 appear to have suffered a setback with the resignation of one of the key members of the syndicate looking for a multi-million pound sponsorship package, under the au-pices of the Royal Dorset Yacht Club.

Chris Witty, who was acting as commercial director for the syndicate led by Angus Melrose, the veteran America's Cup campaigner, and which includes, among others, Law-rie Smith, is believed to have tendered his resignation after differences arose between him. Melrose and Smith about the way in which the campaign was developing.

Witty has spent much of the past year trying to generate interest from British companies in an attempt to find a sponsorship package worth in excess of £15 million. Yesterday, he said: "I had a problem with going back to companies and asking them to get in-volved with the way the project is at the moment. I had reservations about the way forward and have decided to adopt a lower profile."

It is believed that some companies, including Mark McCormack's International Management Group, have been tempted by a tift at international sailing's higgest prize and at least one has considered putting up more than £7 million towards a first British campaign since the mid-1980s. However, Witty is thought to have been unhappy at the way that the syndicate was structured and found it difficult to sell the project to potential sponsors. Despite his resignation, he will remain part of the broad group

backing the syndicate.
Witty's departure comes perilously close to the next big linancial commitment required of all the 18 putative boats for 2000. On October 1. each must pay a so-called performance bond of \$250,000 or be excluded from further participation in the Cup. So lar, the Royal Dorset syndicate has already speni \$100,000 on the entry fee and

Bill Simmonds, the commodore of the Weymouth-based the syndicate very much as a sleeping partner, said he was still convinced that the campaign was on track. "The likelihood is, yes, the performance bond will be paid. providing there are no other hiccups between now and

this is its biggest test yet.

#### Faldo offers experience allied to belief in victory Mel Webb listens



Faldo: kept in suspense .

the rosette and the battle ous. Nick Faldo was in lobbying mood yesterday as he put forward his manifesto election to the Europe Ryder-Cup team. The way he told it, he should make it by a Faldo's first two points landslide when the all-impor-

tanf unte is cast There was no noisy rhetoric, no undignified climbing on soapboxes by Faldo, but there was no mistaking the plea that Ballesteros, the Europe captain, concerning his two wildcard selections for the match at Valderrama next month. Faldo did not spell it out in so many words, but only a minimum of reading between lines was needed to get the message. "Pick me, Seve," Faldo was

saying, "and I will give you the sort of experience that nobody else in your team will have. known pedigree and, last but commitment to the cause of

could almost be taken as read. He has played in ten Ryder Cup matches, more than the first ten players in the American team have between them. Nobody needs reminding that golfer in the history of the British game, either. No, it was the last point that came as something of a small surprise. In past matches. Faldo has sometimes appeared to be what he is when fighting his own wars - a man with a blinkered vision. If there has

as former Open

champion pledges total commitment

been a small quibble, it is that that single-mindedness has

not, perhaps, always been translated into team terms. But this is a new Faldo. "I've es that the seasoned guys have a valuable role to play in the team room," he said. "The seasoned players owe it to the rookies to help them along. There are so many things to think about: opening ceremonies, tactics, what to expect in

general. It's a lot to take on

ATHLETICS

board. The younger players in the team are not likely to be too relaxed when they go on the

"It's our job, somehow, to help them to play their best, to elevate their games to a level that they've never reached before. Experience is the key thing in that situation. That's my trump card."

Two things emerged as clear as day during the 45-minute audience with Faldo: first, he with an enthusiasm that borders on desperation and second, he is not even now totally confident that he will get the nod from Ballesteros, a man for whom the word "enigma" might have been invented. Hence the setting out of a CV with which it is virtually

man to tears just talking about it, you know he cares about it. "It means a lot to him, and it means a lot to the rest of us. as

you see an event bringing a

no doubting, either, that Faldo

relishes the thought of playing

under Ballesteros's steward-

"Seve has fantastic enthusi-

well. We all know his passion is not to let it get in our way outside the locker room. We know we're underdoes again and we know the Americans are hot at the moment, but we can win this thing." He might have said but did not, it might be that little bit easier if I'm around to help.

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TENNIS FLUSHING MEADOWS: United States

#### **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

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## Tendulkar retains India captaincy

SACHIN TENDULKAR, the India cricket captain, retained his job yesterday and was asked to lead the team against Pakistan for a five-match one-day series in Canada next month. Jayant Lele, acting chief of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, said that Tendulkar had also been invited to attend the board's team selection meeting in Bombay. Tendulkar complained last month of being "stuck with B-

grade players" after the India selectors dropped Vinod Kambli and Nayan Mongia. He is still looking for his first series win abroad after a year as captain. Longland breaks record

#### CYCLING: Glenn Longland, the former national all-rounder time-trial champion, yesterday broke the London to

York record by more than II minutes, covering the route in 7hr 29min 48sec, despite losing an estimated five minutes when he went off course. Scotland give six caps

BOWLS: Scotland have named six new caps for the junior home internationals next month. They are: Ricky Taylor, of Bellahouston, Richard Thomson, of Beechgrove, Michael Arnott, of Strangaer, Graham Chambers, of Woodlands. Alex Kelly, of Udston, and Michael Durward, of Banchory.

#### Injury rules out Haigh

RUGBY LEAGUE: Andy Haigh, 21, the St Helens utility back, will be out for three weeks because of a knee injury. Bobbie Goulding, who was sent off against Leeds, will be clear to play against Paris Saint-Germain on Sunday because his case will not be heard until next week.

#### Allison flies to the lead

GLIDING: David Allison. 22, who finished fourth in the European championships in Germany, is leading the national junior championships at Bidford-on-Avon. Peter Masson, also 22, is in second place. Unsuitable weather conditions caused flying to be cancelled yesterday.

#### Juul heads strong field

GOLF: Karen Juni, of Denmark, winner of the British amateur strokeplay championship last week, heads a strong field in the European women's international tournament, which starts today, at Formby, in Lancashire. Elaine Rateliffe, the Curtis Cup player, from Cheshire, is also in the field.

#### **BOWLS**

#### Nutman in victory for youth

By DAVID RHYS JONES

SHAUN NUTMAN, 20, became one of the youngest winners of a national bowls championship when he partnered his Dorchester clubmate, Adam Tidby to the English pairs titles at Worthing yesterday.

Nutman, a postman, said his job makes it easy for him to play bowls. "I finish at lunchtime every day and practice in the afternoons," he said, after he and Tidby defeated Bryan Taylor, 27, and Tony Kempster, 31, of Gosforth, 19-14. in the final.

Tidby, 33, who says his victory in the national triples championship II years ago. when he was a member of the Poole Park Club, is now just a distant memory, sometimes seemed suspect in defence; he was inclined to leave vulnerable positions unprotected.

In the semi-final, against Nigel Cordy and Dale Wilson. of Cleethorpes, for example, Dorchester dropped a five and could have been beaten if Wilson had picked up the jack on the last end.

in the final, Nutman and Tidby trailed 5-9 after six ends, but strung together a six-end sequence to lead 12-9 by the twelfth, when a treble from Gosforth levelled the scores at 12-12. From then on. it was all Dorchester, though shots were hard to come by. and they had to settle for five singles and a two against a Gostorth single.

That was enough to give

the Dorchester duo a six-shot

lead as they went into the last

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TENNIS: SPANIARD FIGHTS BACK FROM TWO SETS DOWN TO STAY IN US OPEN

# Bruguera pulls off dramatic recovery

FROM DAVID POWELL IN NEW YORK

THE US Open almost claimed a fifth men's seed in the first round here at Flushing Meadows vesterday when Sergi Bruguera, the Spaniard who was runner-up at the French Open championships in June, had to recover from two sets down to defeat Michael Tebbutt, an Australian, who had won through the qualifying tournament, 3-6. 4-6. 6-3, 6-2, 6-2

Bruguera is a man with great powers of recovery. Last year his ranking dropped to No SI as a consequence of injuries, but this year he has fought his way back up to No 8, partly due to his success in winning the Lipton hardcourt tournament before his run to the final in Paris. Seeded No 7 here, Bruguera did well to survive against a player who had won their only previous meeting.

Bruguera has not won a title on the ATP Tour since capturing a tournament in Prague in 1994 and, for a long time in the

Arthur Ashe Stadium, he looked to be heading for another early exit. However, Bruguera's patience from the baseline finally began to pay off as Tebbutt's serve-and-volley game faltered. In the final set, the Australian could find no answer to Bruguera's crisp passing shots and he gave away the match on Bruguera's fourth match point with a bad miss on an easy volley. Bruguera will meet Grant Stafford, of South Afri-

ca, in the second round. In a reversal of fortunes between Australia and Spain. Woodbridge. reached the semi-finals at Wimbledon when unseeded, won his first-round match against Juan Antonio Marin. Woodbridge, born in Sydney but living in Florida, defeated

By David Hands

ENGLAND'S schoolboys concluded

their Australian tour at the North

Sydney Oval yesterday with a hand-

some 38-20 victory over Australia. Their unbeaten record in eight match-

es has seen them score an aggregate of

583 points, with only 64 conceded, and

suggests that there is plentiful home-

grown talent to attract the attention of

his opponent, from Murcia, 7-0. 0-3. 4-6. 6-1.

Woodbridge was one of only two players to break the Pete Sampras service at Wimbledon, although he went on to lose to him in straight sets. That was the first time he had progressed beyond the fourth round of a grand-slam singles event. He will need to go all the way to the final here to meet Sampras again.

In another of the early matches on the third day yesterday, Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa, upset the rankings with his defeat of Alberto Berasategui, of Spain, 6-7, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.

By the end of the second day, four men's seeds had departed — Goran Ivanisevic, the No 4 seed, Carlos Moyá, the No 8, from Spain, Thomas Enqvist, the No 11, from Sweden, and Albert Costa, the No lo, from Spain. Enqvist did not play a match, withdrawing through illness.

Nicolas Escude, a lucky loser from France, had been waiting in hope for an opening to appear in the main draw and was asleep on the floor of the players' room when an official awoke him with the news that he would take Enqvist's place.

To begin with, in his match against Michael Joyce, he still looked half-asleep. Joyce, a wild-card entry, from Los Angeles, won the first five games, but thereafter had little success. Escude won 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1. In the second round, he will play Magnus Larsson, By the end of the women's

first round, all but two seeds survived. Eliminated were Barbara Paulus, the No 14, from Austria, and Ruxandra Dragomir, the No 15, from Romania. One of the easiest winners was Conchita Martinez, the No 7 seed, who defeated Jennifer Capriati 6-1, 6-2.



Gustavo Kuerten, the French Open champion, celebrates his win over Geoff Grant

grand-slam match for four years. Before her fall from grace, when she received a police caution for shoplifting and spent time at a drugs rehabilitation centre. Capriati had reached No 6 in the world and had been a semi-finalist in the French Open at the age

Ar 15, Capriati defeated Martina Navratilova at Wimbledon and, at 16, won the Olympic women's singles title in Barcelona. Here she is remembered for taking Monica Seles to three sets in the semi-finals in 1991. She refuses to talk about the past and says that it is not part of who she is anv more.

However. her mother. Denise, has spoken of the Capriati has not won a she played in pushing her playing the French and Wim- of Venezuela.

RUGBY UNION: OUTSTANDING TOUR ENDS WITH AGGREGATE OF 583 POINTS FROM EIGHT MATCHES

Schoolboys sign off in usual thrilling style

Gloucester.

Despite the temporary loss of Ste-

phen Borthwick, who required surgery

on a severely-damaged ear. England

dominated most of the game. Borthwick, the lock from Hutton

Grammar School, was outstanding in

the second half, when only Australia's superb defence prevented them from

Moreover. England were without

Lee Best, their leading try-scorer, who

failed to recover from an ankle injury

being overwhelmed.

daughter forward too quickly. "The money, the excitement, the endorsements, the prestige, the pride," she said in an interview with The New York Times. "There it all is and you get caught up in it.

"You are not thinking what your child is missing and if this is what is best for them. ( believe in my heart that she did love tennis and that she still does, but I did beat myself up later for not stopping things getting so out of hand back then. I let the whole thing control me."

Since returning to the tour in 1995, Capriati has sustained a succession of injuries, most recently an ankle sprain at the Italian Open in April. "I missed the whole summer and

sustained at the weekend. Matthew

Walker, the Dinnington High School

wing, took his place. During a physical

encounter. England made an uncer-

tain start, conceding eight points in the

opening period against the young

Wallabies, whom they beat last year at

However, England retrieved the

position by scoring 31 points before the interval with the adventurous rugby

that has been their hallmark all tour.

bledon," she said. Against Martinez, Capriati was, she said, just "happy I could be there", adding: "It has taken me a lot to get there." After her first-round defeat

of Dragomir, Lisa Raymond, of the United States, declared: "On paper, it is an upset. Whether in my mind it is an upset, that is something different." Yesterday, in the second round, Raymond was on the receiving end, losing 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 to Magdalena Maleeva, of Bulgaria.

Tamarine Tanasugarn, of Thailand, who took her place in tennis history on Monday when she won the first US Open match in the new stadium, led the way into the third round with a 6-4, 6-3 victory "guilt and shame" for the role I was looking forward to over Maria Alejandra Vento,

> "We kept the ball for most of the first half and the boys played some truly dynamic stuff," Geoff Wappett, their

> coach, said. "When people came up to

me to say that they had not seen England players performing that way.

you can appreciate how enjoyable this

#### TELEVISION CHOICE

# A series set for take-off

The Air Show BBC2, 8.00pm

Aviation fanatics will be thrilled with this six-part series which takes off tonight. Concentrating on all things airborne (mechanical, that is), the magazine programme will cover everything from the history of flying to the innovations of the future. Each week Hazel Irvine will be joined by jaunty broadcaster and travel writer Robert Elms, who will report on air travel from the passenger's viewpoint, and Julian Tutt, a former Army Air Corps helicopter pilot and presenter, who will take a look at military pilot and presenter, who will take a look at military pilot and presenter. aircraft. In the first programme, the Boeing 747 is re-evaluated. Tutt gets an exclusive look at the cockpit of the Navy's new anti-submarine helicopter, Elms joins the bush pilots flying aid into East Africa and Fenella George takes her first step towards learning to fly solo.

#### Channel 4, 8.30pm

Just when you thought there was no more room in the schedules for another food magazine the schedules for another food magazine programme, along comes Feast. Aimed at young people with money and curiosity, the eight-part series will be fast, funky and fashionable. In the first programme, chef Jeremy Lee makes his bid for television stardom with a trendy rabbit fricassee. On the investigative side James Erlichman reveals the plight of newborn calves, once sold to the veal trade and now slaughtered for petiood. The imaginatively dubbed Wine Girls are sent to Calais to report on the best deals France has to offer the alcohol shopper. Every week, Noir, two musicians with a love of good food, go to a different European city and explore their culinary gifts. This week their destination is Barcelona, where they hang around the food markets and sing the praises of Catalan cuisine.

#### Bully: Ha Bloody Ha BBC2, 9.25pm

"Kids are natural biological fascists," says Phill Jupitus in this programme which famous people tell their bullying stories. They were bullied for all manner of reasons: Cliff Richard for being Indian, Tony Robinson for being short, Ranulph Fiennes for being too good-looking, Alan Davies for not



Hazel Irvine in the pilot's seat (BBC2, 8pm)

having a mother. If you have a vulnerable spot, children will find it. But bullying is not confined to children. Teachers and other people in authority have made celebrines lives miserable. Jo Brand have made celebrities' lives miserable. Jo Brand had one who "humiliated me at every possible moment" and Boy George suffered at the hands of his sports teacher. Some react differently from others. Tessa Sanderson and Cliff Richard took to punching back, whereas Jenny Eclair, driven by faunts from a teacher about her weight, "starved myself until I was about five stone".

#### Films of Fire Channel 4, 9,00pm

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Photographic agent Nicky Akehurst sets out to provoke a debate with this polemical film about a taboo subject. Her argument is that the current climate of paranoia surrounding child abuse has allowed a creeping form of censorship to flourish. Artistic and personal freedoms are being restricted under the pretext of being "for the sake of the children". Although she condemns child pornography she believes that the net is being cast too wide and that the law is too vague to catch the real culprits. She believes that context and intent should be taken into account. In pursuit of her argument she talks to artists, photographers, people who have faced prosecution and some of the children who have posed for the pictures. Even if children who have posed for the pictures. Even if one is not convinced, Akehurst has done her job in keeping the debate open. Frances Lass

#### RADIO CHOICE

Control Group Six. Radio 4, 6.30pm

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The prison doctor arrives: "Morning, Heaven, just a quick check-up. How are you?" Heaven: "Not bad." Doctor: "Good. Bye bye." Heaven: "Six months on the waiting list for that?" Fans of the first series will recognise the style of that scene from tonight's programme, marking the welcome return of Control Group Six. One of the shows principal attractions is that it does not seem to know what it is, a pleasant change from programmes that are all too smughy sure of themselves. Part sketch show and part comedy thriller? That is the official description but there is thriller? That is the official description but there is more (or possibly less) to it than that. Tonight's opener finds the deeply insecure Dr Heaven on death row, but how did he get there?

#### RADIO 1

7.00am Kevin Greening 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Cambell 4.00 Mark Goodler 6,15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session with Stave Lamaco 8.30 Movie Updata 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Ann Hobbs 1.00am Cave Warren 4.00 Chris Moylas

#### RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Kan. Bruce 11-30 Jimmy Young 1.30 years Up to vrogan 9.39 Kell. Bruce 11-30 Jimmy Young 1.30 ptn Delbie Thrower 3.00 Alex Lester 5.05 John Dunn 7.90 Devid Allan's Country Club 8.00 Paul Jones 9.90 Deniece Williams 9.30 The Jasper Carrott Tital 10.00 Today's the Day 10.30 Paul Cole 12.05am Patrick Lunt 3.00 John Terrett

#### RADIO 5 LIVE

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#### TALK RADIO

5.00em Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lonaire Kelly 2.00pm Tointny Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Resburn 10.00 James Whale 1.00em Mike Dickin

#### Thursday Afternoon Play: Where Waters Meet Radio 4, 200pm

The dip in listening figures after the lunchtime news means that this drama slot does not get the audience it often deserves, for it consistently offers unfamiliar drama of high quality. Where Waters Meet is a play by the Swiss author Yvette ZGraggen, translated by Sara Coward. The story will have resonance for many an elderly couple in Britain and other European countries: it is about a Swiss couple, played by Bridger Turner and Richard Pasco, who retire to Spain because they can no longer afford to live in their own country. The move affects the two in markedly different ways, the man becoming morose and resentful while the woman, after years of sublimating her own ambitions, finds new zest.

Peter Barnard

#### WORLD SERVICE

All times to BST. News on the frour, 6.00mm Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Meridian Books 8.15 Off the Sheif 8.30 Composer of the Month 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Crossing the Border 9.30 The Jools Holland Collection 10.05 Business 10.15 Chemplans 10.30 BBC English 19.45 Sport 11.30 Discovery 12.30pm The Learning World 12.46 F.O.O.C 1.05 Business 1.15 British Today 1.30 Record News 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Cuttook 3.30 Multirack 4.05 Sport 4.15 Crossing the Border 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.45 British Today 6.15 World Today 6.30 Record News 6.45 Sport 7.30 Assignment 8.01 Cuttook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 John Peel 9.00 Newshor 10.05 Susiness 10.15 Spitain 10.30 Meridian Books 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05am Cuttook 12.30 The Writage Chart Show 1.30 Crossing the Border 14.45 Britain Today 2.30 The World 3.30 Focus on Feith 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

#### CLASSIC FM

3.00mm Merk Griffiths 6.00 Nick Bailey 9.00 Hall of Fame 1.00pm Limchtime Requests 2.00 Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Newsnight 7.30 Somats, Seini-Seins (Bassoon Sonafa, Op 169) 8.00 Concerto Tohaliovsky (Romeo and Juliet Fantesy Overture); Mozart (Pleno Concerto No 23 in A menor, K488); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor, Op 25) 10.00 Michael Macoin 2.00mm Crincerto (In 1 Mappin 2.00mm Concerto (r)

#### VIRGIN RADIO

7.00mm Russ in John 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy P. Clark 4.00 Robin Banks 6.00 Paul Coyes (FM) / Nick Abbot (AM) 10.00 Mark Forest 2.00mm Richard Porter

#### RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Includes Grainger (in a Nutshell): Borodin (in the Steppes of Central Asia): Haydin (Motet: O'Coelitum Bati)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Catrions Young, Includes Sibelitis (The Swan of Tuonela, Legends)
10.00 Proms Composer of the Weet: Mendelssofin
11.00 Edinburgh International Festival. Live from the Queen's Hall, Mozari (Divertimento in B flat, K440; Serenade in E flat; K375; Adagio in B flat, K411)
11.50 Northern Lights 12.10pm Concert, part two. Strauss (Wind Sonatina No 1, Aus der Werkstatt Eines Invalden)

Strauss (Wind Sonatina No 1, Aus der Werkstelt
Eines Irwalden)

1.00 News, Shakkespearre's Opera. Peter Conrad
introduces versions of the Falstaff story

2.00 BBC Proma 97. Another chance to hear Sunday's
concert featuring Joshus Bell, violan, Dallas
Symphony Orchestra, under Andrew Litton (r)

3.50 Mozart and Schrubert Quantets. Nash Ensemble,
Michael Collins, clarinet, lan Brown, plano

5.00 Music Mechtise. Torrony Pearson talks to Milke
Westbrook about jazz composition (r)

5.15 in Tune, with Humphrey Carpenter, Includes
Hameau (Overture: Les Boréades); Liszt (l)
Lamerto); Tippett (Symphony No 2, 1st myt);
Beethoven (Piano Sonata In A flat, Op 26)

# 7.00 BBC Proms 97. Altred Brendel, piano, Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, under Neville Martiner. Wagner (Overture: Die Metstersinger); Schumann (Plano Concerto in A minor) 7.50 He's An Excellent Lad. Roger Nichols provides an insight into Mendelssohn's character in his new book, Mendelssohn Remembered, Penny Gore Introduces readings from the composer's contemporaries including Besticz, Cherubini and Robert and Clere Schumann 8.10 Concert; part two. Mendelssohn (Symphony No 3 in A minor, Scottish)

Scottish)
9.10 Young Indians. Nosh Richer tails to the prize-whying novelist Shashi Theroor (r)
10.00 BBC Prome 97. BBC Singers under Bo Hotten.
Schutz (Saul, Saul; Selig Sind die Toten; Wie Lieblich Sind Deine Wohnungen); Scheidt (Zion Spricht); Bacht (Motel, Funche Dich Nicht); Mendelssohn (Three Sacred Pieces); Brahms (Warum ist das Licht Gegeben?); Schoenberg (Friede auf Erder):
11.30 Prome composer of the Week: Britten (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Campbell Burnap
1.00 Through the Night, with David Cornet

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing
6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today 8.45 Screwtape Letters (4/5) 8.56 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze, with Michael Buerk
10.00 News One Flat Summer (FM). The second of a
sti-part gambling drama by David Sheasby
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Women's Hour, with Jerni Murray
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent. News from BBC
reporters around the world
12.00 News You and Yours. Consumer news and
current affairs with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Looking Foward to the Past. The historical
discussion programme 12.55 Weather

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1.00 The World at One; with Nick Clarks –

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Thursday Afternoon Play: Where
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3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan

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the latest chema releases including Mel-Gibson's
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4.45 Short Story: On the Fringe — The Idiom of
Love, by James Murphy
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7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Going Back. In the last of the series the journalist Maggie O'Kane returns to Cuto
8.00 Reading Aloud: Granada (r)
8.20 Home Truths, Julia Derling talks to a group siderly people in Galesthead, who have given up first homes to live in residential accommodation
9.00 Does He Talks Sugar? With Frederick Dove
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Westines
10.00 The World Tunight, with Jeremy Harris
10.45 Book at Bedtimer Midnight's Children, by Samen Rushde. Read by Roshen Self (14/15)
71.00 The Lewes of the Doed, by Nick Fisher. Starting imeids Staurion as a detective investigating a series of murders. With Geoffrey Matthews (4/4) (r)
11.30 A Pebble in the Pond. Ched Varah, the founder of the Semantisms, biks to Sheene McDonald about how he learnt about the facts of file (r)
12.00 News Includes 12.28am approx Weather (r)
12.30am Late Book: The Women and the Ape, by Peter Hoog, Read by Helen Schlesinger (4/10)
1.00 As World Service

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#### **WORD-WATCHING**

Answers from page 39 HERMIA

the professional clubs.

(a) A Midsuntmer Night's Dream. A young woman in love with Lysander. She defends her right to choose him as her husband in defiance of her father Egeus' desire for her to marry Demetrius. After fleeing to the wood with Lysander, she bears the full brunt of the magic-induced misadrentures.

(a) The Taming of the Shrew. Apparently a demure young miss, in whose mouth not the smallest butter-pat would melt. Bianca spends much of her time responding to wooers. PETO

(b) Henry IV. parts I and 2. One of Falstaff's crookedest (and slowest-witted) cronies. He speaks all of half a dozen lines. One's heart goes out to any actor hired to play this part, and this part only, night after PERDITA

(c) In The Winter's Tale, a beautiful young girl. "The most peerless piece of earth! That e'er the sun shone bright on." She is the baby daughter of Leontes, ordered to be exposed to die, now grown-up and in love with Florizel.

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WHOEVER is confirmed in England's new management team, which the Rugby Foothall Union hope to announce tomorrow, can look forward to four meetings with New Zealand within the next ten months. Internationals later this year at Old Trafford and Twickenham will be followed by games against the world's

Auckland next June. The New Zealand Rugby Football Linion itinerary for England's tour next summer also proposes meetings with New Zealand A. a New Zealand Academy XV and New Zealand Maoris, fixtures that have the look of All Black mais. As England's plans also encompass a Cook Cup match with Australia and a possible encounter with South Africa on the way home, club owners will wonder at the long-term effect on their employees.

They are already unhappy

at the growing number of

best team in Dunedin and

ent lack of co-ordination with club fixtures. A typical exam-ple is the game in Wrexham on Saturday between Wales and Romania that clashes with the second set of Allied Dunbar Premiership matches. In addition, the union has been accused, by Rob Andrew, the Newcastle director of rugby, of making surreptitious approaches to players over

England line up two more

matches against All Blacks

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

internationals and the appar-



Smith: resignation

their contractual arrange Wales, already without

leuan Evans, Robert Howley and Scott Quinnell, yesterday lost Scott Gibbs after it became evident that his damaged ankle would not improve quickly enough. His place will go to Leigh Davies, of Cardiff. Greg Smith, the Australia

coach, has resigned six days before the board meeting that was expected to dismiss him. Australia suffered a record 61-22 defeat by South Africa last weekend, leaving Smith with a tally of 12 wins and seven defeats, five of those to the All Blacks.

ENGLAND (TINEFARY: June: 13: v New Zealand A (Hamiton) 18: v New Zealand Academy (Invercengil) 20: v New Zealand (Duncen), 23: v New Zealand (Auctions) (Flotorus) 27: v New Zealand (Auctions) ☐ Daniel Thwaites, the brew-

ing company, is to sponsor the northern-division clubs in a three-year deal worth £500,000. The agreement will benefit 240 clubs in 25 leagues.

# SUNDAY EVENING AND IT'S DAWN AGAIN

PROMS SUMBLY 7.30 PM, DAWN CPSHAW RETURNS TO THE PROMS TO SING BRUTTENS (LESTLEUMINATIONS), LIVE ON THERE A. S. IS EVERY PROMESO A OF CLAN A MALE ADREAS

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# A short course in the diplomatic niceties

your appointment as will be wanting golden elephants International Development Secre-near. Whereas, and here we reach tary was that clever Mr Blair's way the core of this unsolicited. though of giving you enough rope to hang . I trust welcome, career advice, yourself are beginning to nod sagely. Mind, we scarce thought addressed to that unloved creathat people calling themselves ture, the British lager lout, would Montserratians would be your be just the ticket: nemesis (if so it proves), but you. What an International Developcannot go about spitting fire in ment Secretary needs is a spell people's faces, especially when acclimatising to the diplomatic said people are already up to here weather, an opportunity to take the in volcanic ash

The trouble is that Montserrat is to start a career in international politics. Heavens, no. Majorca is. where you should have started. You cannot be International Development Secretary in a pulsating. modern government without first acquiring the skills of diplomacy

us who suspected that home is turning into toast that he whereas something of the kind

temperature of the job in a less sensitive post; a gradual introducno place for a straight-talking lady tion to the niceties, the sensitivities, of global intercourse.

Therefore Inside Story: Our Man in Majorca (BBCI) should have been required viewing in the Short household last night. Here we met a man with a wonderful acquiring the skills of diplomacy ich a job at once part of the heady and tact which you, rather endear—diplomatic round and yet somethow divorced from it. John You cannot say (though you did)

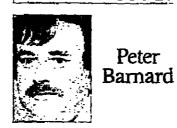
Blakemore is British Consul in

Palma de Majorca and as such he is, as he was at pains to point out, very busy in the summer.

The same could be said for a person selling ice cream or deckchairs, though admittedly a British consul is under slightly greater pressure. Among Britain's temporary summer exports to Majorca there appear to be some exceptionally idiotic people, though one had to admire the zealous bilingualism of one young man: "Can you tell me where to catch a bus: publico transport?"

Of course you, Ms Short, could have told him not only where to catch it but also what to do with it. What, though, might you have made of a trickier case, the chap who ended up in hospital having gone to Palma airport for the flight home and suffered a blackout? What would you have done about **REVIEW** 

Peter



They were missing by the time he fetched up at the consulate. Given Blakemore's earnest belief that the consulate had to help where posssible but "cannot afford to be seen as a soft touch", this was a tricky one to call. Would you is: send the consular assistant out for a pair of cheap sandals (b) tell him hardly anyone wears shoes in Majorca in summer or (c) say: "You'll be wanting Gucci boots

Most of the consulate's days. and some of its nights, appeared to be concerned with lost or stolen passports, tickets and money. The most colourful case was a man whose "ex-girlfriend" had depurted in the middle of the night with all the man's possessions, not excluding his toothbrush. Just before she left. 19700-worth of evellery went over the balcony". The man added that he and the girl had been having an argument. in case we thought that they were part of an expatriate repertory company performing a new play

about asset-stripping.
So Blakemore and his staff, which includes his wife, manage a busy but relatively sedate corner of England's foreign field, an ideal location, surely, for the blooding of politicians who might one day have to deal with unexpected crises in half-forgotten colonies. I leave the thought with you, Ms Short. business of bullying, which is the subject of a BBC season at present. Bully: I Just Want It To Stop (BBC2) was an excellent film about an experiment in one school which, by taking a positive attitude to both the bulbes and the bullied. is showing impressive results.

Larterton Community Coll-

a system whereby teachers

gather a small group of about five

pupils together to discuss a specific

explained how isolating the bully-

ege in Oxfordshire operates

pupil who is being bullied. The victim is not in the group but one or two of the bullying children are. The teacher asks each of the children to suggest something that will help stop the bullying, which - in the case of the perpetrators - has the effect of confronting them with what they are doing without act-ually punishing them for it. One victim, a pleasant girl called Vicky.

And move on to the serious ing was: "I just felt lonely. There are so many groups in the school. I'm not in any of them."

One's heart goes out to children treated in this way, but Vicky certainly benefited from the noblame approach adopted by the school and the creators of the scheme, educationists Barbara Maines and George Robinson, say it is up to 90 per cent effective. There is convincing evidence that making every child in a group responsible for terminating the bullying is far better than trying to

runt out bullies and punish them. Apart from showing how the scheme works, the programme elfeetively demonstrated why it is necessary. Virtually every adult will identify in one way or another with what the children in the film said for in childhood, every generation seems to need to be part of a group, to be accepted by peers. If the cycle of hullying can be broken. the future will be enriched.

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BSC1 6.00em Business Bresidest (91041). 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (30729) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (1) (5866848) 9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook in (1) (5847138) 9.50 Esther: Nannies (r) (1) (6733225) 10.20 Put It to the Test (5700596)

10.45 Carrier's Carlibbean Curried lobsles salad, fruit salad in rum and time pie (f) (2765190)

11.00 News (1) and weather (2536041) 11.05 Alison's Last Mountain (1// 11.05 Alison's Last Mountain (1/2) -(i) (6133472)

11.35 Paradox of the Emperors (1) (8313664) 12.00 News (T) and weather (4103409) 12.05pm Wipeout (r) (T) (8360645) 12.35 Neighbours (1) (1692515)

1.00 News (1) and weather (80206) 1.30 Regional News and weather (88558732) 1.40 Columbo: Murder by the Book (1971) The dishevelled detective (Peter Falls) investigates the seemingly out-and-dried murders of two mystery writers. Directed by Steven Spielberg (r) (1) (8770867) 2.50 Quincy (i) (3707664)

3.40 Popeye (r) (6106683) 3.45 Peter Pan and the Pirates (r) (734645) 4.15 Dinobables (r) (T) (8783472) 4.35 Certoon Critters (T)

5.00 Newsround (f) (2263461) 5.10 Byker Grove (r) (1) (3114374) 5.35 Neighbours (T) (501935) 6.00 News (T) and weather (119)

6.30 Regional News Magazine (799) 7.00 Watchdog: Value for Money Buying from abroad via the internet; saving money on wedding his: Last in series (1)

7.30 EastEnders A day out ends in disaster for Ricky and Bianca (T) (683)

8.00 Roratie Barker — a Life in Cornedy in the second part of the documentary charting the comedian's career, Formie Barter explains why he wrote his sketches under the pseudonym of Gerald Wiley (T) (5480)

8.30 Pilgrims Rest Bob rekindles a triendship, hoping for free tickets to a Status Quo concert (1). (4515)

(3867)9.30 999 International Daring rescues, including that of a diver lost in a maze of doctors saved a tribesman shot by an arrow (T) (483225)

) 10.20 Making Bables: Tanta and Ray's Story A short documentary sales updating the story of Tania and Ray's quest for an IVFbaby (2/3) (1) (692848)

10.50 BBC Proms '97: North and South Leeds International Plano Competition winner Bya Itin plays Grieg's Plano Concerto in A minor with the BBC Philhermonic Orchestra, under Vassity

11,45 Hannah and Her Sisters (1985) Woody Allen's comedy chama charting the lives of three very different sisters over a two-year period. With Dianne Wiest, Michael Ceine and Min Farrow, (378190) 1.30am Westher (5077851)

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8.00am Open University: Designs for Living (9596175) 6.25 Harvesting the Sun (4346472) 6.50 Problems with lons

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T)

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11.45 Ninotchka (1939, b/w) Acclaimed viritage-comedy, starring Greta Garbo and Melvyn Douglas. Directed by Ernst Lublisch (11852954)

1,35pm For the Love of It (39303886) 1.40 Blockbusters (10533288) 2.05 The Natural-World Classics (r) (T) (8432428)

3.00 News (2087409) 3.05 Modern Times A look at a year in the life of the Victoria and Albert Museum, which -saw the appointment of a new director (r) (1) (4122428)

2.55 News (T); regional news and weather (7605577) 4.00 The Million Pound Note (1954) Gregory

Peck stars in Mark Twain's story about a man who finds it impossible to spend a million pound bank note With Jane Griffiths and Joyce Grentell. Directed by Ronald Neame (5477022) 5.25 Today's Gourmet (r) (384703)

6.00 Star Treic Deep Space Nine (1) (346732)

6.45 Whine, Jam, Wave and Jumpl (578664) 7.30 Leviathan Mark Urban offers an insight

into the downtall of the last Scottish Parliament (T) (225) 8.00 The Air Show Hazel Invine Introduces a new senes of

aviation reports (3022) 8.30 Motorworld Dubai (r) (2157) 9.00 Third Rock from the Sun (1) (748206)



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9.25 Bully: Ha Bloody Ha Celebrities discuss their experiences with school bullies (971393) 10.05 Builying: A Survival Guide (130683) 10.15 Holding on — a Preview (127119) 10.20 X Philes (382119) 10.28 Video Nation Devolution Shorts (659393)

10-30 Newsnight (T) (856577) 11.15 Edinburgh Nights with Mark Lamerr (174645) 11.55 Weather (611916) 12.00 The 1997 Mercury Music Prize (61610)

12.30am Learning Zone: The Changing Face of Poverty (48271) 1.00 Changing Climate? (12417) 1.30 Television to Call Our Own (68184) 2.00 Summer Nights (27225) 4.00 Italianissimo (17558) 5.00 Business and Work (27261)

6.00am GMTV (7210683) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw in (1) (5831577) 9.55 Judge Judy (T) (3792003)

10.20 News (T) (6587751) 10.25 Regional News (T) (6586022) 10.30 Born Free (1966) with Virginia McKenna. Bill Travers and Geothey Keen. True-life drama based on the lives of Joy and

with three orphaned from cubs. Directed by James Hill (1) (51553225) 12.20pm Regional News (4107225) 12.30 ITN News (T) (1688312)

12.55 Shortland Street (1663003) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (14601664) 1,50 Murder She Wrote (9651190) 2,50 Cat Crazy

George Adamson and their relationship

3.20 News (T) (2094799) 3.25 Regional News (T) (2086770)

3.30 Potamus Park (1) (2813193) 3.40 Thumbs Up (6182003) 3.50 Rupert (1) (6050577) 4.15 Hey Arnold! (7) (2488030) 4.40 My Dad's a Boring Nerd m (2092596)

5.10 A Country Practice (2126596) 5.40 ITN News (T) (777041) 6,00 Home and Away Fisher decides his

writing days are over (r) (T) (528138) 6.25 HTV Weather (404119) 6.30 The West Tonight (867)

7.00 Emmerdale Turner and Jo ha the open road (T) (1428) 7.30 Blues and Twos Cameras follow firelighters Bob Curtis and Mick Collins,



8.00 The Bill DSBoulton (Russell Boulter) is hampered by an informant whose love for his brother is getting in the way of an investigation (1) (7848) 8.30 Her Alibi (1988) with Tom Selleck,

Paulina Poriziova and James Farentino An author suffering from writer's block tries to get inspiration by studying a murderess. Directed by Bruce Beresland (51190)

10.00 News at Ten (T) (25848) 10.30 Regional News (T) (247935) 10.40 West Eye View Current attains series with Ray Tostevin (133138)

11.15 On the Waterfront (281138) 11.45 New York News (705664) 12.35am The LADS (T) (7425097)

1.10 Emergency! (3629523) 1.40 Planet Rock Profiles (9212523) 2.10 Late and Loud (r) (6038436) 3.10 Jones and Jury (r) (82476962)

3.35 The Good Sex Guide Late (1) (8598504) 4.25 Phenomena (22054436) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (70873165) 5.00 The Pulse (r) (57928) 5.30 News (66165)

#### CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (1663003)

1.50 Cat Crazy (98468548) 2.20-3.20 Hart to Hart (6406003) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2126596) 6.25 Central News (536157) 10,40 Film: Angel Street (25094732)

12.40 Planet Mirth (5612097) 1,10 Rockmania /7634829/ 2.10 Planet Rock Profiles (9926271) 2.40 God's Gift (4073417)

#### WESTCOUNTRY

4.30 Central Jobfinder '97 (5976558)

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6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (52480) 10.30 Westcountry News (261515) 10.45 All the World's a Stage (284225) 11.15 Cadle's Quest (281136) 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (705664)

#### MERIDIAN As HTV West except:

10.30am Cartoon Time (2771751) 10.40 David the Gnome (3288770) 11.05 Cartoon Time (4157770) 11,25 BraveStarr (4133190)

11.50 Dinosaurs (9462596) 1.50pm Cat Crazy (98488848) 2.20-3.20 Dr Quinn (8406003) 5,10-5,40 Home and Away (2126596) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (515)

6.30-7.00 Grass Roots (867) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (261515) 10.45 Film: Burglar (18126041)

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Starts: 6,00am Sesame Street (94751) 7.00 The Bigger Breakfast (92974480) 9.05 Saved by the Bell: The New Class (7672022) 9.35 Saved by the Bell: The New Class (6749886) 10.00 Eerie, Indiana (8447225) 10.35 The Crystal Maze (3688770) 11.35 The Bigger aktast (9464954) 12.05cm California Dreams (7846799) 12.30 Ricki Lake (42003) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (66525022) 1.15 Will Cwac Cwac (66520577) 1.30 Counter Culture (88565022) 1.45 Film: Submarine Patrol (12654175) 3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (645) 4.00 Bewitched (480) 4.30 The Feel Good Factor (664) 5.00 Home Improvement (9206) 5.30 Countdown (916) 5.00 Newyddion (142867) 6.05 Heno (506916) 6.35 Holioi Bananas (411409) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (649515) 7.25 Y Glas (998664) 8.00 Dal i Droi (B193) 8.30 Newyddion (7225) 9.00 The Jewel in the Crown (3119) 10.00 Film: One False Move (5747) 12.00 Citizen's Arrest (63078) 12.30am Films of Fire (8295691)

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6.00am Sesame Street (84751) 7,00 The Bigger Breakfast with 9.05 Saved by the Bell (r) (T) 9.35 Aley Mack 10.05 Eerie, Indiana (r) (T) 10.35 The Crystal Mace in (T) 11.25 (58806503) 11.25 The Bigger Breaklast

12.05 pm California Dreams (n. (7946799) 12.30 Light Lunch In (Tr (78157; 1.30) Voiceover Queen (89\$74770) 1.40 Frieda (1947) with Mar Zetterling, Deutd Farrar and Flora Robson Ealing drama about the hostile reaction that a Garman

nurse gets when she comes to Entern with her English husband. Directed by Basil Dearden (T) (1967:374) 3.30 Here's One 1 Made Earlier (T) 1645;

**4.00** Bewitched in (T) (480) **4.30** Countdown (T) (4761079) **4.55** Rick Lake (T) (6344732) 5.30 Per Rescue in (T) 6,00 Boy Meets World End talls for a

songwriter but soon realises it was a big mistake (Ti (519480) 6.25 Fresh Pop (495461) 6.30 Hollyoaks Carol regrets her one-night

stand with Tony (T) (409) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (3978%) 7.50 The Comedy Slot Highlights from Edinburgh The comedian Owen O'Neil

portrays a former footballer (315206) 8.00 Taking to the Air An investigation into the wonders of thight using an array of different types of photography (T) (8190)



The chef Jeremy Lee (8,30pm)

8.30 CHOICE Feast A lood programme with a difference, tealuring chel Jeremy Lee, the Wine Girls and the

musical duo Noir (T) (7225) 9.00 CHOICE Films of Fire: For the Sake of the Children The photographer Nicky Akehurst argues that paranoia about child abuse is causing new forms of censorship in Enfain today

(T) (357664) 9.45 Pond Life Cartoon with the character

Dolly Pond (r) (1) (167577) 10.00 Whose Line is it Anyway? Comic improvisation with Clive Anderson as referee and Richard Vranch at the plano

10.35 Mortal Passions (1989) with Erica Errickson, Luca Bercovic, Zach Galligan Black comedy about a write and her lover's plan to murder her husband.

Directed by Andrew Lane (T) (70411751) 12.15am For the Love of... Politeness (3/6) Campaign for Courtesy They discuss what politeness is, how it differs from manners and eliquette and why it is important (6856394)

1,20 The Valour and the Horror A tilm World War (r) (T) (448436) 3.20 First Convoy (t) (34609146) 5.25 Film and Video Showcase (r) (4132900)

## CHANNEL 5

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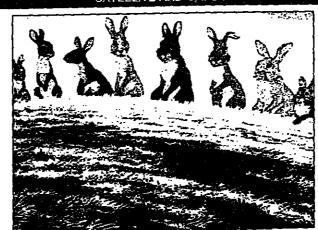
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Everton deny deal is imminent

# Exit slammed shut in face of Ravanelli

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

efforts to leave Middlesbrough, which have degenerated into one of the most protracted sagas this year. appeared to have foundered again yesterday. Everton were reported to have resurrected negotiations, which had taken on a new slant as a playerexchange deal, but the clubs denied any knowledge of the

Everton were believed to have offered Earl Barrett, the defender, and Graham Stuart, the forward, plus £3 million in an attempt to persuade Middlesbrough to reduce their asking price of £7.5 million for Ravanelli, the disenchanted Italy striker. However, Middlesbrough were quick to pour scorn on the suggestion.

We have had no recent contact with Everton whatsoever." Viv Anderson, the Middlesbrough assistant manager, said, "Our situation has not changed. The asking price is £7.5 million and we want cash. We are not interested in the players named in reports. Their valuations are above our valuations."

Ravanelli and his many advisers spoke extensively with Peter Johnson, the Everton chairman, and Howard Kendall, the manager, during the summer. He was disillusioned by Middles-

FABRIZIO RAVANELLI'S brough's relegation to the Nationwide League first division and felt that it would affect his chances of playing for Italy.

The talks broke down because of Ravanelli's demands. Although he earns £42,000 a week at the Riverside Stadium and is the highest-paid player in England, he wanted a wage rise of £8,000 a week and a seven-figure signing-on fee. Despite Kendall's need for a goalscoring for-ward, he balked at the terms and ended the discussions.

With other clubs also losing interest, Ravanelli was forced to return to Middlesbrough,

Celtic's six Liverpool awaken Booth out

for whom he scored 31 goals last season, and resume his contract. He has scored once in two matches this season, but has been the target of abuse from some sections of supporters, who feel betrayed by his apparent lack of loyalty to the club. Their mood was not helped by the 1-0 home defeat against Stoke City on Saturday.

Ironically, Ravanelli has now re-entered the thoughts of Cesare Maldini, the Italy

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coach. On Tuesday he was called into the Italy squad for the World Cup group two qualifying match against Georgia in Tbilisi on September 10, the result of which could affect England's chances of reaching the finals in

France next year. Kendall spent the weekend in Holland, where he watched a player. "I had the opportunity to go over to check out a recommendation," he said yesterday. "Unfortunately, it is one we can now scrub off our list."

However, he has not made any moves to pursue Ravanelli again. "Boro lost at the weekend, so i suppose people will look at that and say that they might be more keen to sell now," Kendall said, "You don't change your opinion on a world-class player, which is what Ravanelli is, but we have had no contact with them. There are many other things to consider before I would even think about reopening talks."

Tomas Brolin, the unsettled Leeds United striker, may have more success in leaving Elland Road. Brolin, who joined the club from Parma, of Italy, for £4.3 million in November 1995, is hoping to sign for Real Zaragoza, of Spain. "We are 99 per cent certain of agreeing a deal with Zaragoza," Mats Olsson, Brolin's adviser, said yesterday.

Brolin briefly returned to Leeds in July, after loan spells with FC Zurich and Parma last season, but George Graham, the manager, swiftly made it clear that he was surplus to requirements. He was not even included in the pre-season team photocall.

Hopes of an early return from injury for Alan Shearer were dashed yesterday after an about-turn by Sir John Hall, the Newcastle United chairman. Sir John had said that the England and Newcastle striker could be recovered from ankle ligament damage by November, but he revised his estimate after speaking to the club doctor in Zagreb before Newcastle's European Cup second qualifying round tie. "He has informed me that it is far too early to give any indication as to when Alan will be back," Sir

John said.

The morning after the night before and the pain, if anything, was

relegated from the Stones Super League by Paris Saint-Germain and Athletic were

dumped from the Coca-Cola

Cup in a 50 defeat at the

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Normal service is resumed with Agassi in action against Campbell during his three sets to one win in the first round at Flushing Meadows

# Agassi's charm offensive in full flow

FROM DAVID POWELL IN NEW YORK

WHEN Andre Agassi was preparing to tie the matrimoknot with Brooke Shields last April, something else was working loose — his grip on his place among the world's tennis elite. He began the year ranked No 12, but, by mid-August, he had slipped to his lowest position in a decade, No 74.

Given the alarming decline of the game's most charismatic player, he was in need of a friend and the US Open here has usually been that to him. It is the grand slam tournament that has provided him with his most consistent success: he has won it once, finished runner-up twice and reached the semifinals on three other occa-

sions. Having lost his opening match in seven of his 11 tournaments this year, Agas-

si's progress here seemed far from certain, even though his first-round opponent was a little-known wild-card entrant, Steve Campbell, ranked No 130 but eager to impress in the city of his birth. If the vultures were

good reason Tony Trahert, twice champion in the 1950s, had pronounced Agassi's form dead. "He does not have anything now," Trabert said. "He does not have his fitness, does not have his foot speed, does not have his confidence." This was not the Agassi we saw here at Flushing Meadows on Tuesday night. Though he began the match with a

gathering, there seemed

Campbell 6-1, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3. Phillip Agassi, the player's manager and brother, had denied that marriage had come at the price of his tennis. The man himself had said, after a minor renais-

double-fault, he ousted

sance in Indianapolis two weeks ago, where he survived three rounds: "My relationship with Brooke is

nothing but good."
His relationship with sections of the 21,000 spectators in the Arthur Ashe stadium needed working on. He was

Bruguera fightback.

introduced to loud applause with an undercurrent of failure the night before to appear in the stadium's opening ceremony.

However, in a good-humoured match, Agassi played the funny man. Campbell was a set and 20 down, having lost six successive games, when he played a blistering forehand out of Agassi's reach. The former champion stood left hand on left hip, striking an indignant pose of the kind which one might expect of his wife on screen, then threw his racket to the ground in mock

On another occasion, when Agassi found himself face to face with Campbell across the net, he waved his racket as though he was fencing. He had the crowd in the paim of his hand and Campbell at the

end of his sword. Agassi, who won the tour ment when unseeded in 1994, moved his opponent around the court, stretching him out for wide for the service returns. "I am very pleased with my game," he said. "I am moving well. The fundamentals of everything I need to improve on are there. Now it is a matter of fine-

tuning. When I got out there, I remembered the dance." In the second game of the second set, Agassi, playing in

his first grand-slam tourna-

power and dexterity in successive points, the first a venomous backhand down the line, the second a deft touch over the net.

No 63 and is without a title win this year. Still, though, he has his 727 jet and a reported ten-year \$100 million (£64 million) contract with Nike. Next he will play Adrian Voinea, from Roma nia, but then he is scheduled to face his first severe test, against Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the No 3 seed, from Russia.

Having been expected at the opening ceremony, Agassi was asked explain why he did not show. He was said to be upset that his name was not read out during the roll-call of champions at the dinner. Agassi denied this, saying he needed to "make a call". Asked to elaborate, he refused. Unyielding off court and on.

# Russians' advance blocked

By Our Sports Staff

KOSICE, of Slovakia, earned a place in the European Cup Champions' League vesterday when they fought out a goalless draw with Spartak Moscow in the second leg of their qualifying round match in Russia. Spartak failed to convert 90 minutes of relentless pressure into a goal, leaving Kosice to go through

2-1 on aggregate. The Russian team's attack, spearheaded by Dmitry Alenichev and Robson, the Brazilian, repeatedly lost their way amid the packed Slovak defence. The fast-breaking Ruslan Lubarski kept Spartak essentially one-way

Ladislav Molnar, in the Kosice goal, was rarely chances, holding on dourly stretched, though only the for a narrow aggregate win

woodwork saved him during a desperate Spartak onslaveht

five minutes from time. In Ukraine, Dynamo Kiev lost 1-0 to Brondby but went through 4-3 on aggregate, courtesy of a 4-2 victory in Denmark in the first leg. The visitors scored in the nineteenth minute, when a Kiev defender, trying to head the ball out of danger after a

corner, looped it into the net with an overhead kick. Kiev missed two good op-portunities to equalise, but Brondby also failed to capitalize on a promising attack near the end of the first half and entered the second period needing two goals to win on aggregate. However, Kiev allowed the visitors few

before 12,000 soggy, rainswept supporters.

Dynamo Tbilisi restored Georgian honour with a 1-0 home win over Bayer Leverkusen, but still went out 6-2 on aggregate, having been overwhelmed 6-1 in the first leg in Germany.

David Mudzhiri scored the goal against last season's Bundesliga runners-up, hitting a free kick from 20 yards in the eleventh minute that found the Bayer Leverkusen defensive wall lacking. The Georgians battled hard

for a second goal to restore further pride and Mudzhiri, the game's outstanding player hit the woodwork shortly after the break. But it was not to be. Emerson, Bayer Leverkusen's new signing, missed a good opportunity to equalise.

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13 Abuse (3-5)

15 Fighter (7)

Cut out; a tax (6)

7 Heavy volume (4)

5 Tree as spruce, larch (7)

6 A considered criticism (13)

8 Edward -, Earl of Claren-

don; a London park (4)

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9 Minor, narrow-minded (5)

12 Hinged lid; minor panic (4)

18 Tie up: one like Otbello (4)

24 Marlene -; - Bonhöffer (8)

19 Nightclub entertainment

22 Dropping of vowel (7)

23 Pigs; 20 people (5)

25 String fastening (4)

3 Weakness, bent (8)

10 Ratify: verify (7)

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16 Go on journey (6)

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Christopher Irvine on how fans in the town are bearing up after a terrible day

worse, in a sackcloth and ashes edition, the headline in the Oldham Chronicle said Boundary Park, the solemn "It's doom and gloom". Oldfaces there yesterday were grimmer than usual. Around ham Bears rugby league and Oldham Athletic football the corner, at the Carters clubs have a habit of sharing Arms, Martin Butterworth, 33, a supporter of both clubs, the few good times and the longer bad ones, of which sosaid: "I followed the games on called "black Tuesday" is Ceefax Minute-by-minute, it got worse, 3-0, 4-0, 5-0; 12-0, 18-The affinity between Paris 0. 22-0. You learn to tolerate and Grimsby is not instantly the humiliation after a while. apparent, but it was in these but especially with the Bears two places that the Bears were

going down I can't think of a more depressing night." The surrender of both teams with barely a whimper. together with doubts surrounding the future of the Bears, plunged the town into an even worse fit of depression. Tony Bugby, the Chronicle's football writer, said: The sense of despondency is exaggerated because it's hard to imagine right now how either club can pull them-

selves up."
Fleeting success has, too, been enjoyed together. In 1990, the year Athletic lost to Nottingham Forest in their only Wembley final appearance, in the League Cup, both clubs lost in the penultimate stage of the respective FA Cup and Challenge Cup competi-tions. The town missed out on two of three possible Wembley visits that year, but after seven consecutive defeats in semi-finals. Bears' fans are used to Wembley remaining a

Both clubs enjoyed their

Oldham suffers on two the century. With Athletic slipping back two divisions in

three seasons after relegation from the FA Carling Premiership in 1994 and the Bears. facing up to life next year in the first division, the sharing, at least in terms of Boundary Park, is poised to end. The club has struggled to meet rental costs of £7,000 per match this year and a move to their training headquarters, at the more modest Oldham rugby union club, seems a logical move, if the club is to

For the 200 Bears supporters in the French capital, there was only one way to handle relegation from the Super League. Their hangover persists. Not that an eyelid was batted in Paris or Grimsby about a far away town in sporting torment

